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## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION (One Hundred Third Session)

President Laurence T. Lowrey without waste of words called the body to order, meeting with Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson. Rev. W. W. Grafton led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace."

Dr. R. B. Gunter of Jackson, former executive secretary of the Convention Board, led the devotional exercise, emphasizing the words of John the Baptist, "He must increase, but I must decrease." It is a human necessity that Christ shall increase. It is the true Christian's desire, at our expense, with or without us, at the sacrifice of self. John the Baptist gave his head that Christ might be ahead. Are we willing that he shall increase at any cost to ourselves? Dr. G. P. White of Hazlehurst led the opening prayer. Secretary W. E. Lee reported that 248 had already given him their names as messengers.

Officers elected were President L. T. Lowrey unanimously, the Secretary casting the vote for all. D. L. Hill of Holly Springs and Dr. H. M. King of Jackson were elected vice-presidents.

Mrs. D. C. Simmons of Jackson, National President of the Blue Mountain Alumnae Association, presented President Lowrey with a gavel made from the wood of a tree under which Gen. M. P. Lowrey and Dr. J. B. Gambrell conferred and decided upon the founding of Blue Mountain College. The present president is the fourth of the Lowrey family who has been president of the Convention and of Blue Mountain College.

Rev. Walton E. Lee was re-elected Recording Secretary for the thirty-second time.

At President Holcomb's suggestion the Convention stood in honor of Judge W. J. Pack of Laurel whose funeral occurs at this hour. Thanks were offered for his life and prayer made for the comfort of his family.

Dr. H. L. Martin presented the program which was adopted.

The welcome address was made by Deacon B. E. Jacobs of Calvary Church. He said that Jackson is every Mississippian's town. From 60,000 people, with all its institutions. He included a letter from the Mayor. Also a letter from Rev. L. F. Metts, president of the Baptist Pastors' Association. The address of brother Jacobs was brief and straight to the mark, punctuated with affectionate good humor. Pastor Henry T. Brookshire made response to the welcome address. He said that when we get accustomed to the habit of the pay plan, it is the purpose of Gulfport to write the Convention to meet regularly in that city.

Secretary D. A. McCall presented the Convention Board's report, reading only the recommendations. The items in this report will have to be given special treatment at a later time.

Pastor J. H. Street of West Laurel presented the report of the committee on the Brotherhood. He showed the specific character of work undertaken by the Brotherhood, and the need of it in the work of our churches. Recommended (1) that pastors study carefully the value of the Brotherhood; (2) the matter of state organization and state Brotherhood secretary be carefully considered. Chairman Street answered objections raised to the Brotherhood. It makes it convenient for men to work. It also takes all the men into the plans of work of the church. It is dynamic with possibilities of enlisting men

in the work of the church.

Dr. Jno. L. Sutton said that the Children's Home Finding Society of Mississippi had had 63 children adopted into homes this year, of these two-thirds of the families were Baptists.

Mr. Hugh L. Latimer, Associate Secretary of the Southwide Brotherhood, spoke for the Southern Brotherhood. The purpose is to see that the men of the church carry out the program of the church. Louisiana has more Brotherhoods than Mississippi. The plan of work is carried constantly in the Brotherhood Quarterly. Pamphlets at 5 cents each are published showing how to organize a Brotherhood. The Brotherhood is interested in missions, but its support is given to everything which the church is doing. There are thought to be 365,000 men in our Southern Baptist churches who are unenlisted, taking no active part in the church life and activities. The Brotherhood has ten points in the standard of excellence. These include attendance on various church services, daily reading of the Bible, family prayer, &c.

The president announced the Committee on Committees: R. B. Gunter, E. K. Cox, J. W. T. Siler, and J. B. Middleton and B. E. Phillips.

Rev. C. Z. Holland announced committees appointed by the Nominating Committee.

Dr. J. W. Lee presented a resolution, as last year, authorizing the payment of \$1,000 to Clarke College on current expense.

Presentation of new pastors.

### Tuesday Evening

Before the opening an organ recital which was conducive to worship was given by Mrs. Posey of Jackson. Brother Grafton announced the song "There is a fountain."

Rev. J. F. Brock of Moss Point led the devotional service, reading the story of the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch. Christianity is a religion of going: "Arise and go." "Get thee up from thy country and thy father's house." So came the blessing. Jehovah said to Jonah, "Go to Nineveh." Jesus "went about doing good." All need a faster tempo in our going. We are past the "horse and buggy age." Special music was furnished at this session by a choir of Calvary Church.

Mr. W. M. Whittington reported from the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. The changes proposed affect article II, objects of the Convention. This report will be published in the minutes, also in The Baptist Record.

Dr. H. C. Bass of Bessemer, Ala., by special motion was permitted ten minutes to present the work of the radio committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. This committee is planning a south-wide hook-up. Each state is also asked to arrange for a broadcast in its own bounds. There are 235 stations in the south. Seventeen of them have Baptist programs. It is thought Dr. Truett preaches to 25 million people every week over the radio. The Convention Board is asked to consider seriously the matter of putting on a Baptist program on the radio.

The congregation sang, "Alas and did my Savior bleed." This is foreign mission hour. Dr. J. D. Franks of Columbus, Mississippi member of the Foreign Mission Board was in charge. He said that in six years the debt on the Foreign Mission Board has been reduced from over a million to \$265,500. The work of the Board has been largely taken care of by the Lottie Moon offerings of the W.M.U.

He urged the people to take The Commission, the organ of the Foreign Mission Board. There are 1,000 subscribers now in Mississippi. Dr. Maddry is back in the office after a long illness. Our churches ought to make a special offering for Chinese Relief.

He introduced Dr. R. E. Beddoe, missionary to China, who is a grandson of Dr. R. C. Buckner, and is superintendent of the Wuchow Hospital. In the past five years he has traveled 35,000 miles in America. The outstanding fact is the waste of our resources and the wealth in which they roll, in contrast with the poverty of the people of China. Our people are ready for a forward move. Never has there been so great need of missions in China. Millions have died, millions are starving and millions are torn from their homes. Thirty millions in the Yangtze valley are migrating to the mountains of the southwest. The Japanese invasion has unified China which will eventually block Japan. The position of America is favorable in China. Great highways and air routes are being opened in China. Today is the day of opportunity. The psychological conditions are favorable to missions. Native Christians have demonstrated the value of their religion. The administration in China is largely Christian. The city of Canton had over 3 million people; today about 50,000. The people moved out in 24 hours. People of culture have been reduced to beggary. Families have been scattered, fathers and mothers, not knowing where their children were. Going through Wuchow they were given Christian aid. The men of Wuchow seeing the work of the W. M.U. organized an M.M.U. The hospital in Wuchow is probably the largest owned by the Foreign Mission Board. There are 150 beds. It has twice been bombed by the Japanese. And the repairs have been made without cost to the Foreign Mission Board. In three months 250 people have professed faith in Christ in the hospital. Doctors and nurses are genuine spiritual missionaries. These people staid on the job when others fled from the Japanese invasion.

This address of Dr. Beddoe was one which the people will never forget, and let us hope will never cease to bring forth fruit in generous giving to missions. Mississippi College quartet sang "Day is dying in the west." It was a late hour for the sermon, but it was preached in demonstration of the Spirit by Rev. J. F. Measells. It was published in the Baptist Record last week.

### Wednesday Morning

"Come Thou Fount" was the opening song. Dr. A. A. Kitchings led the devotional, reading from II Cor. 12, on diversities of gifts, from "one and the same Spirit." He spoke of "God's fellow workers." Fellowship is inspiring, one of the greatest blessings that come from a Convention. We can learn from one another, profit by our mistakes, plan for the next 12 months. God has given us in the Bible the blue print for our work, summed up in the Commission.

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The Pulpit Committee of Shannon Church, composed of J. L. Arnold, J. A. Stovall and G. R. Mobley write: Rev. O. H. Richardson completed his eighth year as pastor of Shannon Church in October, and resigned effective Nov. 1. We heartily recommend him to any church wanting the services of a shepherd that is true to God's word.



## Sparks and Splinters

Committee on Resolutions: J. S. Riser, G. E. Wiley, W. R. Cooper, A. B. Wood, L. W. Ferrell.

Committee on Review of Christian Education Report: A. B. Pierce, J. H. Street, Mark Lowry, J. N. McMillin, C. W. Baldrige.

Committee on Review of Convention Board Report: A. S. Johnston, H. E. Spell, A. A. Wood, M. A. Davis, Charles Thompson.

Committee to Review Social Service Report: J. B. Smith, J. D. Walker, L. E. McGowan, C. Jones, Chas. Webb.

Committee on Nominations: (Old) C. Z. Holland, J. A. Barnhill, W. C. Howard, R. B. Paterson.

Report of Committee on Committees—Committee on Nominations: G. O. Parker, N. G. Hickman, Wyatt Hunter, O. P. Estes, B. B. Hilburn.

Committee on Time and Place: T. W. Young, Owen Williams, J. N. McMillin, F. K. Horton, and L. E. McGowan.

The machinery for taking care of the Convention must have worked fine, for it was certainly without noise and confusion. We congratulate Deacons Barnes and Jacobs who supervised the entertainment, and all who helped. The office force of Calvary Church were helpful, and Pastor H. M. King looked happy.

Our guests at the Convention from Southwide boards and institutions were in some cases given almost no opportunity to present their causes. This was nobody's fault, and seemed unavoidable. Certainly it was not because we thought less of them or the work they represented, but we had an emergency condition. These are good men and their work is worthy of every consideration. Dr. McDowell of the Louisville Seminary and Dr. Hamilton, Jr., of the Baptist Bible Institute, were merely introduced, but did not speak. We hope they will come back.

That was a fine group of new pastors introduced at the Convention last week. Some of them are native Mississippians; others are imported. But they are all on the same footing now. They had a chance to see how Mississippi Baptists work together and can "fight in peace and quietness as much as they wish." Those who have been longer here give you cordial welcome, and bid you join us in the furtherance of every Christian enterprise. All were impressed with the fine appearance of this new group, and feel that we shall be better and do more because of your coming among us. Come on in, the work is fine.

Some years ago Rev. A. J. Miller who had been pastor of First Church, Columbus, told us that the pastor of the Methodist Church at Columbus said to him: "Brother Miller, do you know what sort of church members I like?" And without waiting for an answer said, "People that praise my sermons and send me things." This was possibly what Dr. Broadus used to call "half in joke and four parts in earnest." Well, times have somewhat changed now: it is rather the fashion for the preacher to praise the folks. A little sugar is healthy, but too much of it is apt to bring on serious organic trouble. And let's be sure we don't go beyond the truth.

There was only one time when a motion for the "previous question" was made at the Convention, and it was not seconded. This is a last resort in a Baptist meeting and is not exactly in harmony with the democratic principle. Twice a motion was made and carried to limit speeches to a few minutes. In both cases it seemed to us to do harm. People wish to know fully what they are voting on, and Baptists ought always to be open to conviction. Light is good for the eyes, and to limit debate is apt to cut off light that is sorely needed. Of course when time limits are removed, all of us ought to observe the limits of good sense, and not talk forever; and we ought to stick to the subject. "So speak and so do as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty."

Suppose we pray for those 13,500,000 young women who are said to be serving liquor in drinking places. Will you?

Dr. J. S. Compere, some years back Editor of the Arkansas Baptist, has resigned the pastorate at Corning, Ark., and goes to Hayti, Mo.

If you wish a copy of "The Life Story of Dr. J. B. Gambrell," by Dr. E. C. Routh, send us two new subscriptions with three dollars; or one new subscription with \$2.00. This offer holds only while we have the books.

Alumni of the three southern seminaries had breakfast for their several groups while in attendance on the Convention. We are sorry that press of work prevented our attendance on any one of them. So we cannot give a report which they deserve.

Rev. Hoyt E. Porter of Hyden, Ky., was a visitor at the Convention last week. He is an alumnus of Mississippi College and of the Louisville Seminary, and was a short while missionary in Russia. We wish he might be brought back to Mississippi.

Brotherliness and magnanimity are close kin. Many were pleased at the Convention when the offering was being made to support the Woman's College, to see President L. T. Lowrey of Blue Mountain College pledge \$50.00 to this fund. We hope this disposition will spread.

Mr. Walter Bourne Price, a student in Mississippi College was recently called to Glen Allen Church, which asked for his ordination at Clinton. The examination was passed very satisfactorily and his ordination recommended by the presbytery.

President Lowrey introduced the preacher of the Convention sermon with affectionate reference to him as a fellow student in Mississippi College where he was held in deserved honor. And when he had concluded his sermon, brother J. F. Measells was greeted by a host of friends who had been pleased with and helped by his sermon.

We hope that the Orphanage being crowded off the program of the Convention will not lessen the interest in the Thanksgiving offering. Our people will not fail to give to support these children if they are given a chance in the churches. Brother Pastor, please do not let this matter go by default. "Whosoever shall receive a little child in my name receiveth me." There are many children in the state who ought to be in the Orphanage, but they cannot be taken in until this building program is completed.

Dr. B. C. Land reports a great revival in First Church, Quincy, Fla. From the beginning the congregations were large, until the house was packed to the doors. The pastor preached and the singing was led by I. C. Prosser of Oklahoma City. He is a fine organizer, and leader in congregational singing. There were 79 additions during the meeting, 46 by baptism. Since Oct. 1, 89 have joined. On Sunday there were 518 in Sunday school. An enlargement campaign is on, led by the State B.T.U. Secretary.

It seems a sure thing that a collection does not hurt a Convention. There were two collections taken at the State Convention last week, and it loosened up things mightily. The people seemed happy in giving. Our Secretary took both collections, and it was understood that these gifts were over and above. Brother pastor, you need not be afraid of a collection. Do you know that in the New Testament that word is almost synonymous with fellowship. A collection in a Convention is like opening the windows when the air gets heavy.

The Editor of the Record was asked to convey to Miss Lackey the message of love, appreciation and sympathy which was authorized by a vote of the Convention. When he went next day to the hospital for this purpose, he found her exceedingly weak and unable to speak, with the superintendent, Mrs. Gilfoy, by her bed. But you can be assured that the Convention message gladdened her heart. We do not know that this message was responsible for her improvement, but we heard that the next morning she sat up in bed and ate her breakfast. The doctor says she has been suffering from pleurisy.

There are 2,264 Baptist students in state supported Junior Colleges in Mississippi, which is more than the combined number from all other denominations in these same schools.

We wonder if any other person attending the Convention could say he was in every session of the Convention last week, from the time the gavel fell to the benediction each time. This was necessary for the Editor who gave the detailed account of the proceedings, for the benefit of our readers who could not be present.

Some of the messengers to the Convention visited the Orphanage. We wish there had been time for the Convention to go in a body to see the new buildings. But this streamlined age does not permit of seeing anything very clearly or long. Four new buildings, one renovated and another in process of construction is a sight to inspire faith, hope and love.

The Bible tells us to try the spirits to see whether or not they are of God. There are a good many places where this admonition could be recalled with profit. It is well known that churches without a pastor have had preachers to say with reference to a call to that church, "Somehow I feel that the Lord is leading me to that church." But unfortunately there are too many of them with the same notion. Occasionally a brother in Convention says the Lord is urging him to make a speech. Maybe so, but sometimes the hearers are not convinced. Better "try the spirits."

For many years the Baptist Orphanage has added to its income by collecting and redeeming coupons from Octagon, Rumford, Ballard Obelisk and Luzianne products. Continue to send them in. A new opportunity is offered us for the remaining days of November and December only. We will receive one-half cent each for every Ivory soap wrapper and one-half cent each for every Oxydol box top. Send to us immediately. It may be interesting for the Auxiliaries to collect them. One R. A. chapter I know has placed boxes in stores marked for Baptist Orphanage. We are not buying and selling products, but are asking for the wrappers and coupons that would otherwise be discarded. Thank you.—Mrs. W. G. Mize.

There are more Baptist students at the University of Mississippi than Baptist students in Mississippi College. Our people do not know the fine work that is being done in their own college or they would never let it have second place. There are more Baptist students in Mississippi State College, one state institution at Starkville, than there are students of all denominations in all our Baptist colleges in the state. There are more Baptist students in private colleges and colleges of other denominations in Mississippi than there are students of all sorts in any one of our Baptist schools. It does look like somebody ought to get busy.

It was unfortunate, of course, that time was so limited at the Convention that some very important subjects got no consideration whatever. Among these was the report of the Historical Society. Mississippi Baptists have not taken sufficient interest in preserving their history. In the past few years the Mississippi Baptist Historical Society has been revived and the interest has been quickened, and a good beginning has been made in collecting historic documents for preservation in Mississippi College Library where a section is given to these records. Some of these records have to be bound. All of them have to be classified and catalogued. For this purpose a student in Mississippi College has been given modest compensation by the Society. The only source from which any funds are available for this purpose and any other necessary expenses, is in the annual membership fee of one dollar. This year the Society did not have a meeting, and no payments have been made. It is absolutely necessary to the carrying on of this work that some collections be made. Will not all our Baptist people interested in preserving Baptist history send one dollar to Rev. J. L. Boyd, Pastor Forty-first Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss. He is the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society.

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Be cautious against narrow interests; all should be interested in one another and in the whole undertaking. Every one of God's fellow workers ought to read the Baptist Record. We ought to be considerate of one another. We are brethren. We should have courage to tell one another when a mistake is being made, all done in love.

Secretary D. A. McCall had charge of the hour for consideration of the Convention Board work. He called for Miss Traylor who read her report of the W.M.U. which is found in the Convention minutes. The Editor also had ten minutes to speak of the Record. He represented it as necessary to the preservation of our democracy, and unity, through the dissemination of intelligence.

Secretary E. C. Williams presented the Sunday School Department, showing the plans on foot and the progress made in the past year. There were over 350 professions of faith the past summer in the Vacation Bible schools.

The two state evangelists spoke of that work. Brother E. D. Estes who has done good work in the northern part of the state said that evangelism is at the heart of God, and the spirit of the whole Bible. The purpose is to bring sinners to repentance and saving faith in Christ.

Evangelist M. E. Perry spoke happily on the work of the past year. He turned down 25 invitations for meetings in the past year. Asks that engagements be made early to avoid confusion and congestion. It would be better if more time would be given to each meeting. Eight days are few enough. Visit some of the meetings held near you. Many pastors said they had had successful revivals in the winter time.

B.T.U. Secretary A. J. Wilds reported, announcing the meeting of the State B.T.U. Convention here in Jackson next week, Nov. 22-24, beginning Wednesday evening.

Secretary McCall spoke first of the work done by the 5,000 Club. At first effort was made to get the money for indebtedness without putting men in the field. This did not reach our objective. It becomes necessary to employ special workers if we are to pay our debts. It was not easy to get the men wanted, but good men were finally secured. We are \$3,000 ahead of last year. These agents make daily report of what they are doing.

Dr. J. W. Beagle of Atlanta spoke on the work of the Home Mission Board. A few years ago we had only 136 workers, in all home mission fields. Now the number is doubled. The debt has been reduced by \$700,000, and all interest paid to date. The Lord has worked in us and through us. Every day at ten o'clock the office force and all the missionaries stop to pray. This explains the progress made. By 1945 we hope all debts will be paid, and a greater program of Home Missions may be launched. There are 7,000 Spanish speaking Baptists and they baptized 1,400 last year, the largest percentage of any group. They are sending money to help pay the debts of Southern Baptists. They contributed to the Cooperative program before their churches became self supporting. The work among the Indians is more prosperous than ever before. In a Cherokee association every church gave to the Cooperative program. There were 500 Indians baptized by Home Board missionaries last year. These people who have been Baptists only a few years, earnestly strive to go by the Book.

Rev. A. S. Johnston reported for the Committee on Review of the State Convention Board Report. The Departments were commended. Increase in baptisms, in church membership and in all organizations. The gifts to benevolence are more. The evangelists report many baptisms. The Baptist Record was commended, especially reduction in the deficit. All recommendations were approved, except that churches were asked to make special offerings on the extra Sunday.

The quartet from Mississippi Woman's College sang two hymns. Secretary McCall spoke on the report of the Convention Board. He

expressed appreciation of the cooperation of Dr. Gunter, former Secretary, also to the members of the Board and the office force; also to the pastors for their cordial cooperation. Motto: "And the children of Israel set forward." Our churches ought not to remain the same one year after another. We must go forward in love. We will not graduate till Jesus comes. Love is not easily provoked. Our people are working together in good spirit and should seek to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.

Mississippi Baptists must set forward in stewardship. Covetousness in the New Testament is classified in very bad company. The Bible gives no commendation to any gift below ten percent. The percentage runs from ten to one hundred. Two ladies have agreed to give ten percent from their oil wells to help pay the debts of Mississippi Baptists. This will help to dissolve the moans of some of our people.

It is proposed to keep the emphasis on evangelism. A better goal has been set for our denominational gifts for 1940. Evangelism means personal work by all of us, all the time.

## Wednesday Afternoon

Vice-President D. L. Hill was in the chair for the afternoon session. "Take the name of Jesus with you" was the opening song. The devotional service was led by Pastor R. D. Pearson of Macon. He read one verse, Jno. 15:7, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." The conditions of answered prayer are here given us. We must be in Christ to abide in him. Our daily life must be submerged in the will of Christ. There must also be a life definitely directed by the will and word of Christ. Prayer was led by Dr. J. D. Ray of Starkville.

Pastor A. B. Pierce read the report of the Committee on Review of the Education Commission's report. Colleges were commended. Do not recommend that the \$50,000 promised the Woman's College appropriation be validated. The \$24,000 debt be left as it is. No further bonds be issued. This report will be published later.

Dr. M. O. Patterson reported on Ministerial Education. There are in Mississippi College 82 students for the ministry, graduates of high schools, 18 are graduates of Junior colleges; 19 in the Senior class. Ministerial students use Ratliff Hall. Board and rent are never over \$10 a month for each student. Ratliff Hall is leased by the Ministerial Education Board for five years. The mortgage on the property has been removed. We owe \$800.00 for street paving and will owe about \$500.00 more. The 3% allocation is asked again for next year. All cottages are full and others have been rented.

President D. M. Nelson of Mississippi College called attention to the curriculum of the college. The college gives opportunity for a full rounded education in a Christian atmosphere.

We still believe that the beginning of knowledge is the fear of God. The finest youth are attracted here. More students today than for ten years. Income from endowments are decreasing, thus making larger endowment necessary. The competition with state supported colleges is increasing from year to year. We try to keep expenses at a minimum, by drastic economy. Expenses are as little at Mississippi College as at any state college. We make no apology for putting emphasis on the true values in life; these are Christian aims.

President L. T. Lowrey spoke for Blue Mountain College. Our objectives are stated in the catalogue: to train women for Christian home making; making Christian character, the improvement of spiritual life. The speaker listed many women of prominence who are graduates of Blue Mountain College. It is a roll of high honor and distinction. Blue Mountain has the highest percentage of married graduates. A new home for the president was finished last spring. Blue Mountain has the largest group of students in the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville.

President W. E. Holcomb presented the Woman's College. He introduced the quartet who sang "Majestic sweetness." The address of President

Holcomb was an outline of the past history of the endowment effort, and of the present financial situation, which is replete with figures which this reporter could not tabulate.

Mr. W. L. McMullan spoke for Clarke College. He has been endeavoring to meet the requirements of state standards. The enrolment is about as last year. A small percentage of students are from Newton County. Boys and girls are about equal in number.

Pastor Morris of Newton spoke of his appreciation of the work done at Clarke College. Of the 105 students 30 are ministerial students.

Rev. A. B. Pierce spoke for the Committee on Review. He said the committee could not see its way clear to grant the request of Woman's College. Dr. J. N. McMillin said he had sought to give the college every opportunity. His interest still holds in the school. But he cannot vote to grant the college's request. He hopes some way out of the difficulty may be found.

Dr. L. G. Gates of Laurel spoke on the necessity of Mississippi Baptists' returning to the Lord. Then will all our problems be solved. Participating in the discussion (now limited to five minutes each) were W. W. Kyzar, G. P. White, Geo. McWilliams, J. W. Lee, C. E. Patch.

## Wednesday Evening

The devotional service was led by Dr. S. H. Jones of Brookhaven. "O come, let us bow down," was the theme of his brief message. We worship One who is near. He is not afar off. He is also the transcendent God. One who is infinitely great; the world is full of his glory. Dr. Jones closed with prayer. Brother Grafton sang by request "The Wayfaring Pilgrim."

By request of the Chairman of the Program Committee and by unanimous consent the report of the Committee on Review of the Convention Board Report was taken up. The recommendations were read and adopted except the proposal for a promotional campaign for 1940, which is deferred until a later hour.

The special issue now brought to the Convention is the recommendation of the Committee on Review of the Education Commission report. This recommendation declines to assume the debt of the Woman's College, and the issuing bonds of \$73,000, and that the Convention do not validate the \$50,000 instrument of the Convention in favor of Woman's College. First speaker was Pastor Moody of First Church, Hattiesburg. Dr. W. A. Sullivan of Natchez also spoke; also M. P. L. Love. The vote was 118 for adopting the Committee on Review, and 112 against.

Dr. J. E. Dillard spoke on giving the tithe as the Lord's way of carrying on our work and paying our debts, without any campaigns.

Pastor C. J. Olander read the report of the committee appointed a year ago to study and report on the Minister's Retirement Plan. This plan has been discussed in the Record and printed explanations have been distributed here and elsewhere. The plan proposed was recommended including permission to the Convention Board to make similar provisions for Board employees. Judge Sydney Smith spoke explaining the need for such provision and urging its adoption. He said our treatment of old preachers is the blackest mark against us. The minister cannot provide for old age, and some provision should be made for him. The minister has no right to take time out to lay aside money for a rainy day. This plan is safe and sensible, divided between the preacher who pays three percent of his salary, the church three percent, and the Baptist Convention Board two percent. All the other State Conventions have adopted the plan. It is good business for the church; the preacher will do better work.

Dr. Bolton of Dallas, Associate Secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board spoke. Dr. Campbell of Texas and Dr. Jones of South Carolina both say the plan has helped the cooperative mission work in their states. H. L. Byrd of Neshoba County said the plan is good as far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough. Some of our country churches will not cooperate. The plan was approved. (Continued on Page 6)



# EDITORIALS

## THREE DAYS AFTER

The Convention closed three days ago and we are looking backward. A running account of the proceedings appears elsewhere in this week's issue; but no detailed report can give a proper estimate of what was done, nor interpret its spirit. We give here the impression left by the Convention as a whole.

It was the largest attendance for several years. The messengers were slow in registering, but finally went considerably beyond last year. The congregations were good, and at night filled the large auditorium of Calvary Church. The interest was sustained, and the conduct reverential and serious in spite of the fact that some of the speakers could not be heard throughout the room.

There was manifest a disposition to push the business along, in spite of prolonged consideration of a few subjects to the disadvantage of others. Our younger brethren took hold of the business vigorously and with a confident hand. There was no lack of independence and courage. There was no servile following of beaten paths, nor submission to leadership. Every man had his own opinion and felt free to express it in spite of time limits. This was evident in considering recommendations which had been brought by boards.

The Convention did not hesitate to venture upon new plans and programs, not in any radical spirit, but in faith and fellowship. This was shown in three reports made, and action taken on them. First the Committee appointed last year to report on work among students in state schools showed that they had given the matter careful study, and were ready to provide for the need as far as is practical at present. This was done by recommending the employment of a Student Secretary to supervise religious work among Baptist students in state schools. They also recommended further study of the matter of adequate equipment of churches near state schools to look after these students. Their report will be published in full.

The second constructive measure was the adoption of the report of the Committee on retirement fund for old or disabled pastors. The plan was unanimously adopted as recommended by the committee, by the Relief and Annuity Board, and approved by the Actuary who is expert in insurance matters. Any pastor in the state may get the benefit of this provision if his church contributes three percent of his salary, the pastor three percent and the Board two percent. The plan was unanimously approved. But the cooperation of a church is necessary before any benefits are available. It has simply been approved. It remains for each church to adopt it and work it. This is a time for the deacons to get busy. Don't delay; do it immediately so that it may become operative on Jan. 1, 1940. It is a group plan, and will not work unless a sufficient number of churches cooperate.

The third forward step is the appointment of a commission of twenty to study our state denominational program with a view to coordinating all the work, seeing that every department receives just treatment, and recommending any plans or changes that may be needed. This commission is composed of five pastors, five laymen and the heads of our institutions and boards. They are to publish their report in the Baptist Record before the middle of Sept., 1940, that it may be studied before the Convention meets.

The Convention Board's work with all its departments had good opportunity for presentation, and various ones availed themselves of it. Secretary McCall made his first report to the Convention and showed that he has a plan and works it vigorously. He left no question in anybody's mind as to his qualification for leadership. His speech was frank, courageous, incisive and challenging. He showed that he was not afraid of a collection's spoiling a meeting. A program that does not sometime break out into a collection

doesn't inspire anybody. Let people give when and where they want to give. Don't be afraid of a collection. "And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together. . . because that every man heard them speaking in his own language."

We wish that we could speak with pleasant and cheerful words about all matters before the Convention. We are here giving impressions which must reflect the truth as we see it. The educational work has in most of its history been one of progress and joy. But there have been hours of agony in the life of every institution we have. We could recite them if necessary but that is history. For a few years we have had struggle and dissension in reference to Mississippi Woman's College, and the consideration of it is approached in our meetings with fear and trembling. This year was no exception. The college had not increased its indebtedness, but it had not completed its endowment. The overhanging indebtedness and the shortage of \$35,000 in endowment had to be met. At bottom the question was whether or not the Convention should assume these responsibilities. The Education Commission said Yes. The Committee on Review said No. After protracted discussion the Nos prevailed by six votes. Then the question was asked by the college, "What do you want us to do?" The final answer was we will allow you the interest at 5% on what we have promised you and on the \$35,000 lacking which interest is \$5,454.18 for one year. In the meantime the Commission of Twenty on Coordination will work out some plan and make recommendation.

There were honest differences of opinion. Personal and partisan feeling was evident. We tossed about a \$750,000 property as if it had been a football, or with less seriousness. It takes all of our state agencies four years working at top speed altogether to raise \$750,000. That means the whole headquarters machinery and all its field men and women. And we handled this \$750,000 already in our hands as if it were a bubble blown by a child. The Lord came to our help in a time of need. Like the man falling out of a twentieth story window; as he passed the tenth story on his way down, he said, "Thank the Lord, I am safe so far."

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## HOW THE SPIRIT CAME

We must keep in mind that while the disciples were told to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and as they waited in obedience to the word of the Lord Jesus, they actually had no intimation nor conception as to the manner in which he would make his presence known. They waited and prayed in expectation of His coming, but they knew nothing of the way His presence would be revealed. They left that with the Lord and simply waited. They did not know when He would come, but that it would be "not many days hence."

The waiting was for ten days, that is until the feast of pentecost had come. As the pass-over was a time when Jews would be gathered from many countries at Jerusalem; so also was pentecost. This would make possible the widest dissemination of what took place at both, namely the knowledge of the crucifixion and of the coming of the Holy Spirit. The way was prepared for a world-wide evangel.

The story of how the Spirit came is brief, but full of symbolic significance. "There came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting."

Somehow they recognized the direction from which the sound came: it was "from heaven." They had seen Jesus go up into heaven, and he had promised to send the Spirit. They would naturally and properly expect the Holy Ghost to come down from heaven. "Every good gift, and every perfect gift is from above."

The sound must have been like that of a cyclone. Those who have been in a cyclone say that it is like the roaring of a great number of freight trains approaching or passing. And those who have witnessed such a cyclone will tell you that there is no greater exhibition of power

possible. Men are made to know their utter impotence and helplessness. Material objects of whatever size are tossed about as feathers or chaff. Some things are carried miles away, while others apparently remain untouched. These things are sometimes spoken of as freaks of the wind. As a matter of fact they are manifestations of the very opposite. They are proof of a directing intelligence within and behind it all. "He makes the winds his messengers," and "worketh all things after his own will."

The disciples were told, "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." Here in symbol is the greatest exhibition of power that man knows anything about. The significance of the sound of a rushing mighty wind is in harmony with the promise of Jesus, and being from heaven it supplies the greatest need of God's people. Power is the one thing which men seek for the operation of the world's business. They seek it in the cataract of Niagara and every mountain stream. Men are enriched by it; the world is served and lighted by it. They seek it in the application of steam to the running of machinery. They transmit gas from Texas to Chicago to provide power. They develop electric current and transmit it over high powered wires to conduct the world's business. They are constantly seeking it in new places and by new inventions. In the spiritual sphere, life is power, and there is one source and one alone from which it may be secured, the Spirit of God. Paul prays that the Ephesians, 1:17ff, may have the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, that they may know the exceeding greatness of His power to "us-ward who believe." We are helpless, powerless without this Spirit. And nothing is impossible when we have the Spirit.

There is another way in which the coming and presence of the Spirit were announced: "And there appeared unto them tongues parting asunder as of fire, and it sat upon each one of them." John the Baptist said they would be baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire. To be baptized with the Holy Ghost is to be baptized with fire. Fire is to consume the dross. "Our God is a consuming fire." "He shall gather the wheat into his garner, and the chaff he shall burn up with unquenchable fire." This is what the Holy Spirit does for us. You may say he comes like a conflagration, or you may say that he burns like a slow fire to destroy that which is evil or worthless in us. This is his work, however he chooses to do it. "It sat upon each of them." None need miss the working of the Spirit; each needs Him, and He works in each one individually.

A third indication of the Spirit's presence on the day of pentecost was that they "began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Their tongues were loosed and they could not but speak the things which they had seen and heard. Jesus said they were to be his witnesses, and no witness is complete until the tongue is loosed to tell others of him. Those who came together said, we hear them speak "the mighty works of God." Isaiah had said, "The tongue of the dumb shall sing." The message they brought was in the language of the people who had come from every country to Jerusalem. They heard them in their own language.

This was no "unknown tongue," which had to be interpreted. There were doubtless such gifts later on. But this pentecostal gift of the Holy Spirit did not exhibit itself in an unknown tongue. It was in many tongues, all of which were understood, and no interpretation of tongues was needed. Here is a foratase of the time when men of every nation and tongue shall hear the gospel message. And it is a clear indication of the will of God that we should give the gospel to every nation. That is why the Holy Spirit is given, not to hide the truth from men but to enable men to declare it.

The subsequent gift of an "unknown tongue" was to pass judgement on men for not hearing the gospel. It was to make it so that "hearing they might not understand, and seeing they might not perceive."

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## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b, "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."

Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

### Natchez

Not only is Natchez making progress as an industrial center, but the First Baptist Church with Dr. W. A. Sullivan as pastor is "going places." Additions have come almost every Sunday—180 being the total for the year. The congregations are the best they have been during Dr. Sullivan's pastorate and the contributions are the best in ten years. Brother W. Y. Harrigill is the Sunday school superintendent and progress is being made in all departments. Bethel Ferguson as director of the B.T.U. is doing a fine job. Mrs. W. T. Mallory, president-elect of the W.M.U., has set a worthy goal for next year.

The pastor asked us to preach at the morning hour on "The Cooperative Program." The deacons were considerate enough to meet in special session in the afternoon to hear a discussion of the EVERY FAMILY Plan and promised to consider it when planning the 1940 budget.

Adams County has only 2 Baptist churches with subscribers as follows: First Baptist Church 7; WEST SIDE CHURCH 39.

### Springfield—Scott County

Rev. Gordon Sansing became pastor at Springfield a few months ago. We predicted then that he would soon have them taking the Record. We were correct. Recently a list of 28 came in. He is now planning to lead Hickory to do likewise. Just a little help from others—"a la Sansing," would help us climb 18,000 Hill.

Scott County now has subscribers listed as follows: LAKE 30; PEA RIDGE 29; FOREST 125; Forest R.F.D. 1; Forest R.F.D. 2; Harperville 8; Morton 6; SPRINGFIELD 28; Ludlow 5; Beach 1; Hillsboro 2; Homewood 1; Pulaski 1.

### Meridian First Church

At the invitation of Dr. Norman W. Cox, pastor, we spoke at the monthly deacon's meeting. NATURALLY our subject was the EVERY FAMILY Plan. They gave us a good hearing and showed their interest by asking several questions. They hope to include it in their new budget, which will soon be adopted.

We found the deacons enthusiastic about their pastor and their church. A spirit of optimism pervaded the meeting.

Lauderdale County has subscribers listed as follows: HIGHLAND 63; Forty-first Avenue 18; First Church 19; Fifteenth Avenue 25; Southside 1; Eighth Avenue 5; Meridian 15; Poplar Springs 2; Meridian R.F.D. 2; MARION 19; MIDWAY 12; Oak Grove 1; GOODWATER 15; Kewanee 3; Liberty 1; Russell 2; BETHANY 33; FELLOWSHIP 28; Bailey 1; Macedonia 1; Collinsville 2.

### Benton

Dr. A. A. Kitchings is pastor at Benton. Wherever he is pastor things "do move." Prof. Cooper is the energetic Sunday school superintendent and he keeps things moving. Recently Dr. Kitchings called a special meeting of the deacons to enable us to present the E F Plan. We did. They liked it (they already had over 50%) and recommended it to the church and the church adopted their recommendation, thus adding one more to the E F list from Yazoo County. There was a time when we hesitated to give a list of Yazoo County subscribers. It was so small. Now we are proud of it. Recently Pastor Robert Martin, pastor of Concord Church, led his church to adopt the E F Plan. In fact, about half of the churches in Yazoo County did so under pastoral leadership alone.

Yazoo County subscribers are on our list as follows: ANDING 16; CONCORD 24; BETHLE-

HEM 16; Benton R.F.D. 6; BENTONIA; 49; HEBRON 25; EDEN 14; HOLLY BLUFF 28; Yazoo City 12; Benton 1; BLACK JACK 48; Phoenix 1; Valley 1.

### Phalti—Jefferson Davis County

We were at Phalti on prayer meeting night but the crowd caused us to think it was Sunday morning. Rev. A. B. Hill is the pastor and the people love him and give him splendid cooperation. They have a nice building and all organizations function in a worthy way. We presented the E F Plan and the people seemed interested. They hope to act on the matter at the next business meeting.

Subscribers in Jeff Davis County are listed as follows: Carson 14; PRENTISS 131; Prentiss R.F.D. 3; Bethany 1; Bassfield 4.

### Hazlehurst

As Hazlehurst was getting ready for their annual budget campaign, Dr. White invited us to tell the deacons about the EVERY FAMILY Plan, and in addition, to preach at the eleven o'clock service. We did both. The auditorium was full for the preaching service and the deacons' meeting was equally as well attended. They gave us a good hearing and showed much interest.

Copiah County has subscribers listed as follows: CRYSTAL SPRINGS 262; Crystal Springs R.F.D. 2; Hazlehurst 13; ANTIOCH 18; Wesson 5; Wesson R.F.D. 5; Spring Hill 1; Gallman 1; Sardis 1; STRONG HOPE 23; Little Bahala 1; Macedonia 7; Zion Hill 6; GEORGETOWN 56; ROCKPORT 5; Pleasant Hill 1.

### Meadville

Our third meeting of the day was with the deacons at Meadville. And were they patient! The meeting was called for 4 p. m. Due to unavoidable delay we arrived at 4:45. All deacons were on hand. 100% attendance at a meeting is good at any time, but when it is late it is still better. Pastor Kyzar was away in a meeting but he had asked the deacons to come and they did. We told them about how well the E F Plan works where "worked" and they hope to give it a trial.

Franklin County has subscribers as follows: Bude 6; O'ZION 36; Hopewell 1; FRIENDSHIP 12; McCALL CREEK 20; CONCORD 31; Meadville 5; Providence 1; ROXIE 76; Lucien 2.

### Bude

Our fourth and final meeting of a full Sunday schedule was at Bude with Pastor Otis Jones, who asked us to talk about the Cooperative Program and a budget. We took 100 pennies and showed how our money is spent. They hope to work out a budget soon and to include the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan.

### Maben

Rev. Van Hardin, although a student at the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, finds time to do a good job as pastor at Maben, leading them along progressive lines and to adopt the E F Plan of The Baptist Record. He realizes that "informed Baptists are better than uninformed Baptists." He feels that his work goes along more smoothly when his people are exposed to The Record than when they are uninformed about Baptist affairs.

Oktibbeha County's subscribers are listed as follows: MABEN 37; R.F.D. Maben 1; LONGVIEW 43; STURGIS 46; Wake Forest 1; MORGAN'S CHAPEL 31; Starkville 12; Bethesda 1; Crawford 1; State College 2.

Those who have tried the EVERY FAMILY Plan like it. Those who have not tried it won't know whether they like it or not. TRY IT AND SEE, IS ALL WE ASK.

The date for the Statewide Evangelistic Conference to be held at Clinton will be announced later.

The official report of the Sixth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, held in Atlanta, July 22-28, 1939, went to press Monday, November 20th. We hope to make delivery of all orders received by December 10th. Our friends will appreciate the fact that we have been handicapped in this important task by delayed mail service to and from London due to war conditions.—Louie D. Newton, Associate Secretary.

## NO DEBT INCREASE

Some people reading the recent Convention reports in the daily papers might be under the impression that the Convention had voted more debt. However, such was not the case. Woman's College already held the Convention's note for \$50,000 which was given at the Philadelphia Convention in 1937. They also hold the Convention's note for \$24,000 which was given for unpaid Current Obligation Fund. Last year's interest on these two obligations amounted to \$3,700. Thus the \$5,400 item voted is only \$1,700 more than last year's obligation. BUT the messengers at the Convention raised in cash and in pledges more than \$2,800. Subtracting \$1,700 from \$2,800 leaves \$1,100. In other words, instead of increasing our debts, we will pay from regular funds \$1,100 less this year than last.—A Messenger.

## PASTORS' AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

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(4) Call on all who have found this grace to go on being square with the Lord if the world comes to an end.

Dr. H. C. Bass, formerly Meridian pastor, spoke of the Southern Baptist radio program, asking for a meeting of pastors who do any broadcasting.

Dr. Bolton, formerly of Florida, spoke of the plan of the Relief and Annuity Board to provide old age annuities.

Request was made for publishing the proceedings of this meeting in the Convention annual.

Dr. Alldredge asked for old minutes of the Convention and of the associations.

Luther J. Holcomb, Nashville, Tennessee, has just closed a revival with the Wyatt Park Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo. There were 35 additions to the church, with 23 coming by baptism.

There are less than 20,000 Baptists in Nebraska but they had more messengers at their State Convention than we had in Mississippi although we outnumber them more than twelve to one.

Mr. Ray Walker says he has had fourteen meetings this year, and all his time is taken till Christmas. The latest reported is at McGehee, Ark., where he led the singing and young people's work, O. M. Stallings preaching.

In the meeting of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, Nov. 20-22, speakers from the Southern Baptist Convention included Drs. T. Luther Holcomb, E. C. Maddry, L. R. Scarborough and T. J. Watts of Dallas.

Northern Baptists are holding 100 convocations throughout their territory in the interest of Evangelism, Education and Missions. The theme of these convocations is "The Mission of the Church in a Distressed World."

The following was seen on a Negro tombstone in Kentucky: "He fought a good fight but his razor was dull." Too many preachers are trying to win battles for the Lord with dull weapons.—Nebraska Baptist Messenger.

The annual meeting of the Convention Board will be held at First Church, Jackson, Monday, Dec. 4, beginning at 7 p. m. At this meeting the budget is made out, appropriations made and officers and employees elected. The Executive Committee meets at 3 p. m.

A copy of the English Magna Carta has been deposited temporarily in the Library of Congress in Washington. It has been on exhibition at the New York World's Fair. It is one of four in existence. It can be seen in the Library near the "Constitution" and "Declaration of Independence."

The ten regional Evangelistic Conferences authorized by the Convention will be held in as many districts of the state, running for ten days, covering two weeks. Those in the first week will run from Monday to Friday, January 29 to Feb. 2. Those in the second week from Monday to Friday, Feb. 5 to 9. The places of meeting will be announced later. Each conference lasts only one day.



## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

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It was nearly ten o'clock when Dr. E. P. Alldredge began speaking on Baptists Today and Tomorrow. Where are we today? Psalm 147:20. God is blessing Southern Baptists as no other people on earth today. Our gains last year were 174,000 plus. Southern Methodists had 126,000. Our additions by baptism were nearly as much as four other largest denominations. The same gains hold in B.T.U. work. There is nothing comparable to it in American church life. Gifts increased over a quarter million.

But four divisions of our work are falling far behind: enlistment, stewardship, unfair division of gifts, neglect of men in the churches.

We are only 35% enlisted. Three millions of members doing practically nothing. Average per capita income of people in the south is \$324, white and black. Southern Baptists are nearly at the bottom in giving. 83% goes to local expense. That is not a fair proportion.

One of the weakest spots is that we are not going out after grown men. 90% of those not in Sunday school are grown folks, most of them men.

### Thursday Morning

"Come ye that Love the Lord" was the opening song. Pastor George Gay of Marks led the devotional service. He read a part of the twentieth chapter of Acts. He stressed the need of looking now to the work of the coming year, and led in prayer. By motion messages of loving greeting were sent to Dr. W. T. Lowrey, Miss Margaret Lackey, Mrs. W. A. McComb and Mrs. Modena Lowrey Berry.

In honor of Dr. H. M. King, pastor of the host church, and vice-president of the Convention the congregation rose and sang "Happy birthday." Mr. A. T. Whitten, superintendent of Calvary Sunday school presented gifts from the Sunday school.

After the reading of the minutes, Proposed program for the morning was read by Dr. H. L. Martin. Mr. W. M. Whittington read report of Committee on Convention Obligations.

1. A pronouncement as to the obligations
2. Doubling of the 5,000 Club.

We reaffirm our intention to pay our debts by 1945; we will undertake no new obligations till these are met. Urge a campaign immediately to meet them. That the 5,000 Club be doubled unless the churches adopt a better plan. Adopted.

The committee of 20 was announced to study the whole program of work, indebtedness, &c., and report next year. There are five pastors, five laymen and certain officials.

Rev. Wyatt Hunter of First Church, McComb reported for the committee on work among students in state institutions. This will be published later. Adopted.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough spoke on the S. W. Seminary. It is in the best condition in its history. It is paying its debts, paying the salaries, and adding to the endowment. There are 87 more students than last year. Seventeen from Mississippi. He rejoices in the growing spirit of evangelism throughout America. There have been great gains in additions to the churches. Mass evangelism is God's first plan; we must press it now. We must have evangelism in the family, and in all human relationships. He spoke of his own salvation by the witness of his mother, and of the Lord saving the children of his own family. Our Sunday school teachers and the deacons ought to be soul winners. Every one of us ought to be a personal evangelist.

A. B. Pierce brought a further recommendation from the Committee on Review of the Education Commission Report. The recent campaign for endowment of Woman's College lacks \$35,000. The trustees of the college ask for an instrument of indebtedness in this amount. The request is passed on to the Convention without recommendation.

This precipitated long discussion. Several motions were made and amended and withdrawn. The time limit which had been put on debate was withdrawn, and several made more or less

pertinent remarks. Prayer was made for divine guidance, led by Dr. T. W. Young of Corinth. The motion that finally prevailed was one by Dr. Norman W. Cox of Meridian. This provided for the payment to the Woman's College of an amount which would be the equivalent of five percent interest for one year on the amount asked by the college. This is not to exceed \$5,454.18. Of this amount \$2,783.65 was given and subscribed immediately by the people present.

The representatives of Baptist Bible Institute and Louisville Seminary were merely introduced. There was no time left for speaking. The reports on Orphanage, Hospital, Relief and Temperance were not read but to appear in the minutes; also on Historical Society.

Place of meeting next year, First Church, Jackson, Miss. Time, Tuesday afternoon, 3 p. m., following the second Sunday in November. Preacher, Dr. J. D. Ray of Starkville; alternate, Rev. Glen Eric Wiley of Grenada.

## P. AND L. CONFERENCE

### Tuesday Morning

At 9 a. m. the music started under the direction of Mr. Felix Arnold. "Stand up Stand up for Jesus" was the militant note and was sung with increasing volume. The cool sunny morning made everybody feel good. The opening prayer was led by Dr. J. B. Quin of Summit. "Make me a channel of blessing" was sung.

The theme of last night's program was "Worship." That of this morning is "Service," the songs being selected in harmony with the theme. The next hymn was "Somebody did a golden deed."

Pastor C. M. Day of Shaw led the devotional service, reading from Mark 10:17 ff, the story of the rich young ruler. Emphasis was put on the words, "One thing thou lackest—sell—give—take the cross—follow me." In evangelistic results, preachers must be prepared to take up the cross. Jesus gave up all that he had in glory to serve and save men. We must get rid of everything which prevents our complete dedication to the will of God.

This period of worship closed with a song by the Hillman quartet, "What is your life." Pastor Silas B. Cooper of Tupelo spoke on "Ministering Through Visitation." He read from Matthew 25, emphasizing "I was sick and ye ministered &c." The pastor has the shepherd heart. He cited Dr. H. M. King as a good example. The speaker gave his experience of visitation in his "church loyalty program." The members visited weekly and the attendance at all services increased. It is difficult to get them to visit, but they have many things they need to know, and they are able to help in material ways and otherwise. Every Sunday people were joining the church.

Pastor D. L. Hill of Holly Springs discussed "Ministering Through Preaching." The Pastor speaks for God. The Book is God's own message. The preacher's message must be an interpretation of this Book. This Book has as its substance a portrait of Jesus. The speaker gave an account of the observance of the church loyalty program by the churches in Holly Springs. It produced the largest attendance at church ever known. The campaign lasted through April and into May. The April offerings were the largest of any month of the year. Mr. McReynolds of Muskogee, Oklahoma has a book on the "Loyalty Campaign" which will help those planning for one. It has been done by many churches in Alabama. Write to Pastor Davidson of Selma, Ala.

In the period of open discussion Pastor W. R. Cooper of Tylertown gave his experience. Pastor G. C. Hodge of Biloxi spoke of ministering to those who cannot go to church. Dr. J. M. Walker of Aberdeen spoke of going out after the people who don't go to church, using a loud speaker on the streets. He has used this method effectively.

After singing "To the work" by the congregation, Pastor W. C. Howard of Water Valley spoke on "Ministering Through Workers' Meet-

ings." He said he was assigned the most uninteresting subject. His experience with the Loyalty Campaign: called the deacons, the S. S. superintendent and the W.M.U. president. They agreed to recommend it to the church. It ran six weeks. Definite goals were set. Reach the unenlisted church members, in church attendance, in S. S. and W.M.U. Then to win the lost. Nineteen were added to the church. Then we went after the unaffiliated Baptists in the community. Committees were appointed: on visitation, on publicity, census. Names were given to the committees of people to look after. They had a definite task and definite plans. The reports were inspiring. The preacher cannot do all the work. This plan will give him assistants in all the work.

Here followed a period of general discussion and questions.

Secretary D. A. McCall spoke on "Plan and Value of Work for 1940." Our one purpose is to exalt the name of the Lord Jesus. We must undertake to conserve the results of the evangelistic campaign. He presented in printed form the program for 1940, and program for Mississippi Baptist Participation in the nation-wide Baptist Evangelistic Crusade for 1940. After the able presentation by the Secretary, Dr. Norman W. Cox of Meridian gave some information about how the church loyalty campaign is working in his city. The pastors preach on the same subjects and texts, and on Monday meet for the hours of prayer and study of their problem. Special music by Hillman College girls.

Dr. Norman W. Cox of First Church, Meridian spoke on "Faith Without Works." He first expressed his joy and gratitude in coming back to the fellowship of Mississippi Baptists. In the 5½ months of his present pastorate the blessings of the Lord have abounded in his church. There have been 141 additions.

Faith without works is the great heresy of Southern Baptists, and the blighting heresy of Mississippi Baptists. We ought to examine ourselves in the light of the words of God. Let's apply the word to our own lives. An illustration of dead faith recalled from his early ministry was recited. Southern Baptists rejoice in their orthodoxy. We would fight for the inspiration of the scriptures, the virgin birth, regenerated church membership, salvation by grace, the Lordship of Jesus, the independence of the churches. But in the application of the truth to life, we are the greatest heretics. Mississippi Baptists have no inferiority complex. And there is a reason. Their men have gone out to places of leadership. But our record for baptisms is behind other states. The average is that it takes 16 Baptists to lead a soul to Christ, in Mississippi it takes more than 26. Orthodoxy is pharisaical which does not demonstrate itself in compassion for the lost. We can do what others are doing. To lead men to Christ we must get close to Christ ourselves. We cannot export a better brand of religion than we have ourselves.

Again in the matter of giving to the Lord's work. Southern Baptists gave \$7.39 per capita annually for all religious purposes. That is about two cents a day; two sevenths of the tax on one gallon of gasoline. For all outside the local church we gave three and three-fourths mills per day per capita. Faith without works is barren, dead. Virginia gives \$10.40 to all causes. Texas next, then Florida, Oklahoma, North Carolina. Mississippi gave \$5.49 per capita, and 22 mills a day to missions. We paid more for gasoline tax than to God. These figures are enough to take all the wind out of our boasting. Let's make it different in 1940. The pastors must lead to make the story different. If one hundred thousand Baptists would give a penny a day to missions we would give \$365,000 a year, which is \$120,000 more than we gave last year. Those best able are doing the poorest. We lack joy because we are not giving.

By motion it was requested that Dr. Cox give the manuscript of this address to the Baptists of Mississippi for publication.

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# Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"If my people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place."—2 Chronicles 7:14-15.

## I

The Convention is over. It was a good Convention. The greatest plan of activities we have ever known of for a whole State was unanimously adopted. The Convention refused to increase obligations. When it adjourned we owed less than when it began.

A greater plan, looking toward taking "Mississippi for Christ" had been mapped out.

This plan includes a great "Thus saith the Lord" Church Loyalty Emphasis for January-February-March-April. Write for literature if you need it. Plan now to put it on in your church.

It includes revivals in churches and associations.

It includes evangelistic conferences over the State, January 29-February 9 and a State evangelistic conference, Clinton, March 4-8.

It includes a great "Thus saith the Lord" Stewardship of Substance Emphasis September-October-November-December.

It includes study classes, Bible study, Music Institutes, census, Every Member Canvass, Conventions, Brotherhood Conferences, chief Cooperative Program emphasis, 5M Club, 100M Club, etc.

## II

Your Secretary thought he had attended conventions before, but he has decided this was the first one he ever really attended.

The Lord's leading was evident.

The spirit was good and the speech temperate, considering issues.

Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey evidenced greatness not often seen, when he refused to vote against the welfare of another school in an instance where people were divided in conviction. He was one of the first to pledge \$50.00 to that school in a dramatic moment.

## III

Many pastors and laymen—men and women (1) pledged the earnings of one day "over and above" for Baptist obligations, (2) pledged an attempt to get others back home to do the same, (3) pledged to get church to give special offering on 53rd Sunday, 1939, to Baptist obligations. All to be paid by January 1st, 1939. Others could well come in on these plans.

## IV

You will find it most profitable to work out plans for a full church year as per Mississippi Baptist Calendar of Activities.

## V

Word came some time back that one person, displeased because the Executive Committee of your Board, had not done his bidding, was threatening to cease cooperating with the Board. Yet, this person professed large interest in the causes and institutions for whom the Board works. The Board receives no money for itself. It works for others. Monies received are passed along.

Strange doctrine it is, to cripple great causes to get at a small group.

Maybe that is Christlike—we cannot see it that way. A better doctrine is "The love of Christ constraineth me." "I do it for Christ's sake!"

## VI

We have already expressed our pleasure in the modification of Mortmain Act.

This warning and challenge. Great benefit will now accrue to our causes and institutions. No doubt about that!

However, it will not solve all our problems. That condition has not solved problems in other states.

This, does not supplant God's tithes and offerings plan. It will rather represent extra offerings on the part of some of God's laborers. Let those of us who hold no extensive properties remember we have an obligation and an opportunity.

Mississippi Baptists rejoice in the great forward strides taken over at Mississippi College. In the eight years of administration by Dr. Nelson—\$100,000 plus internal indebtedness has been wiped out; every building on the campus has been improved and renovated; the campus has been improved; large additions have been made in the laboratories and over 10,000 volumes added to the library; efficiency in work done has increased to the point of securing approval from the Association of American Universities, the highest rating body in America; by wise investments a \$47,628 reserve to the endowment has been built up and faculty members have been paid promptly at the start of each month.

## VIII

The following tracts are now available in limited numbers:

"Yes, the Cooperative Program is Scriptural"

"If Southern Baptists Should Tithe"

"7 Marks of a Good Steward"

"Using Our Talents to the Glory of God"

"Living Our Lives for God"

"How to make a Success of the Every Member Canvass"

"God's Message to Southern Baptists on Stewardship."

Come by the office or write for them.

State it when you desire to mail them out to each family. We will send exact number.

## IX

We have heard native people sing hymns in several languages. One of the most interesting instances came in attending the Choctaw Indian Association this Fall in Neshoba County.

We give here the first song they sang in Choctaw with the translation:

## COME THOU FOUNT

Aba isht Taloa (Jesus came to Save)

### 1

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

(Chisas oket chi Hoyo hosh Aba mintit ala Tok;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

(Chishno fekna chi Hoyo hosh, ant falomat io Tok;

Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sun by flaming tongues above;

(Chisas okat chi hullo hosh chiyukpole bannashke;

Praise the mount—I'm fixed upon it—Mount of Thy redeeming love.

(hachi nukahaklo fehna hosh, Et Chi hoyo fehnoshke.

### 2

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come;

(Chi alhtobat illi tok osh chi hohyo feh-naske;)

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.

(Aiokchaya hachema hosh, Oh ishi ahon-chishke.)

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;

(Ho minti ahanchi fehna chi chukash a hoyoshke;)

He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

(Chimishilombish fehna Ko Okchalinchi bannashke)

### 3

O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!

(Nantikmi ho aiilli yo Hikiat Chilla chi cho.)

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee

(Nantikmi ho aiokchaya, Ishi ik chi banno cho?)

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

(Klaist at ibbak chi Wilishke; Peh minti ish kallo na;)  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.  
(Chi Kana ai ahli yoke, Ish im ile Kollo no.)

## X

A second question asked among dozens of others at associations related to salaries of Board employees. This was answered as quickly, as correctly and as sympathetically as were the others. Baptists have a right to know. Some will be interested in the little things, others in major items.

## XI

The women have a real treat in store in the study of the booklet, "Constraining Love." It is a marvelous love that sends people out to the ends of the earth and to work heroically. The Week of Prayer Program material is inspiring.

You will be interested in the new book "They of Italy" by Paschetto, as interesting Foreign Mission reading.

The book, "Fannie E. S. Heck," by Mrs. James is from "The Hidden Springs" (poem) to her triumphant home-going, the thrilling story of one who conquered in Him.

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## P. AND L. CONFERENCE

### Tuesday Afternoon

The house was not full, but probably many of the people were slow, it being soon after dinner. At least they moved slowly about coming in and sang somewhat in the same way. "Come, thou Fount" was sung. Pastor Reed Polk of Port Gibson led the opening prayer. In the absence of Pastor Stewart of West Point, the devotional service was led by Evangelist B. W. Walker, who read from Mark the account of the request of James and John to have places at Jesus' right and left hand. It was hard to eradicate self from the disciples. Many wish the crown without undergoing the cross. If a selfish request is granted it will be used selfishly. They wanted not something done to them but for them. If we want a revival, we ought to be willing for it to begin in us. God begins with his people and then works on the unsaved.

The final speaker on the Conference program was Dr. E. P. Alldredge of Nashville, Tenn., the Statistical Secretary of the Sunday School Board. His subject was the "Grace of Giving." He recently took a financial census of the church to which he belongs. The average income is \$595.00. It showed that they could give twice as much as they are actually giving. Every church needs such a survey. He did this in his last pastorate. There were 43 families without appreciable income. A large group worked on salary; others had their own business or were in partnership. The results were put on a large chart in the church. Sermon preached on "How many loaves have ye; go and see." Theme this evening: "Reaching out for the unattained grace of giving." In second Corinthians 8 and 9, giving is seven times spoken of as a "grace."

45% of Southern Baptists give to the support of the work in the local church. Only 35% give to missions and benevolences. Among these many give only once a year. In the income groups, only about 250,000 give a tenth. To specials only there are about 30% who give. There are many churches in which no appeal is made for giving. Nearly 25% never give to anything. What are we going to do with this staggering problem? These four things ought to be done. First, Pray to God to give this grace. Christianity is a new life from God implanted in the human heart. It is this new life going out to a needy, suffering, dying world. This includes a new understanding of the needs; a new sympathy; sacrifice; new character.

(2) Cultivate this grace by teaching what the Bible says about it.

(3) Develop this grace through some great testing experiences. People must be willing to put God to the test.

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## An Every Member Check List --- Lest We Forget

BY J. E. DILLARD

PASTORS AND EVERY MEMBER CANVASS LEADERS CHECK UP AND SEE IF YOU HAVE MADE THE BEST POSSIBLE PREPARATION FOR PUTTING ON AND FOLLOWING UP YOUR EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

### GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLAN

The purpose of the Every Member Canvass is to enlist all our people in all our work.

1. Have I made it clear to my people that we are hoping to enlist them, their interest, prayers, talents, personalities as well as their purses in the work of the Kingdom?

2. Have I explained the spiritual values of money and how it enables one to multiply, distribute, and immortalize one's Christian activities?

3. Have I made it perfectly clear that the ultimate aim and goal of all our efforts is to do the will of Christ, to extend his Kingdom, and to reach the lost?

4. Have I explained fully our plan for trying to enlist all our people in the intelligent, systematic, adequate and cheerful support of all the causes included or implied in the Great Commission?

### MAKING A GOOD READY

Every successful Every Member Canvass has been preceded by long, thoughtful, prayerful, patient preparation; every failure has been marked by hasty, or inadequate preparation. What is worth doing at all is worth getting ready for.

1. Do I thoroughly understand the Every Member Canvass, its nature, purpose, plans, problems, possibilities?

(See articles in current issues of the state papers, The Baptist Program, the Sunday School Builder, the B.T.U. Magazine, Royal Service, et al. The following tracts may be secured from the state secretaries: "Promoting Our Program," "How the Co-operative Program Works," "Objections to the Co-operative Program Answered.")

2. Have we had a meeting of our leaders for prayer and for planning our Every Member Canvass?

3. Have we decided upon the time for launching and completing our Every Member Canvass?

4. Have we appointed a canvass director? and the following committees: Budget? Publicity? Prospect lists? Canvassers? Lunch?

5. Have we ordered necessary supplies?—tracts—, blank cards—, canvass cards? (Suggest the card that provides a space for the tither's pledge and Baptist Hundred Thousand Club membership.)

6. Have we arranged for series of appropriate sermons?—, prayer meetings?—, stewardship study course?—, three minute talks in Sunday school?—, B.T.U.?—, W.M.S.?—, Brotherhood?—

7. Have we arranged meetings for instructing and training our canvassers?

8. Has our budget been carefully prepared?

Is there a reasonable ratio between local expense and the denominational objectives?

Has the budget been approved or adopted by the church? Has a copy been mailed to each member? Is budget so made as to be easily understood? Will it call forth the prayers and support of the individuals?

9. Are we planning to send a weekly letter to the members enclosing helpful literature?

10. Are we trying to assign the proper prospects to the proper canvassers? Will we give the canvassers their prospect lists early enough for them to call at least once before the canvass day?

11. Are we planning to use posters?; lettergrams?

12. Have we adopted a slogan for our canvass? (Suggestions: "All our people in all our work," "Make straight a highway for God," "Forward together with Christ," "Let's keep our church growing and going and glowing," "Let's keep the torch of truth burning brightly.")

### PUTTING IT ON

Pastors and leaders differ as to the order of procedure on Every Member Canvass Day. Some prefer beginning in the Sunday school and other organizations and ending with the house to house canvass. Others prefer beginning at the morning preaching service, then the house-to-house canvass and finally the appeal to the organizations. There are several modifications of these two general plans. That plan will work best that is best worked. All plans call for the pulpit message, the use of all organizations and groups, and the person to person appeal.

1. Have we definitely decided and do all the workers understand the way we shall try to do it?

2. Are the committees all at work and ready for the canvass?

3. Have the proper announcements been made?; are the subscription cards ready for use?; have the prospect lists been put in the hands of the canvassers?; have the canvassers themselves all signed up before going out to ask others?

4. Does the pastor's sermon fit the occasion? Did the pastor announce the canvass and ask the members who had not already signed up to remain at home till the canvassing team called?

5. Has the lunch committee provided a simple lunch (sandwiches and coffee or tea) so the canvassers can go out promptly?

6. Has the prospect list committee given the

teams the names of the persons who have already signed so as to save unnecessary calling?

7. Will the pastor, director or bookkeeper be at the telephone all the afternoon to answer questions that may be asked of the canvassers and to receive the returns from the canvassers?

8. Have we arranged to reach all the Sunday school? B.T.U.? W.M.S. circles and organizations? Brotherhood? (If a person signs more than one card it can be marked "duplicate" or the bookkeeper will discover it when entering them upon the treasurer's book.)

9. Have we arranged for final report on the Sunday following the beginning of the canvass?

### FOLLOWING THROUGH

Do it the best you can, there will be some overlooked, some away from home, some who will not sign. And then there will be new members coming in, and old members moving away, and members suffering severe losses, and other members enjoying unexpected gains—all these call for the carrying one of the work all the year.

1. Did we appoint our canvass leader or director for the whole year? Did we give him a small carefully selected committee to help him? Does this committee call upon all new members? Does it explain the financial plan of our church? Does it give each new member a box of offering envelopes? And does it solicit a subscription from each member?

2. Do we have an accurate and adequate system of records? Do we keep funds for local expenses and denominational objects separate? Do we make remittances regularly, promptly, and in full of all denominational funds? Do we have financial reports of all funds regularly? Do we send monthly or quarterly statements (or letters) to all our members?

3. Do we have a plan for giving concrete information concerning all the objects, local and denominational in the budget? Do we urge our people to remember these causes in prayer? Do we observe the Special Days listed in the Calendar of Denominational Activities for instructional purposes and as "over and above" opportunities? Do we present the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club to our people and urge them to join, thereby hastening the payment of our denominational debts? Do we plan to put on a school of missions? Do we plan for stewardship study and revival this year?

4. Can we think of anything we are not now doing that might help promote the program of our Master, our denomination, our church?

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## SOUTHERN BROTHERHOOD

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Our work is growing at a rate which is beyond even what we here in Memphis office had anticipated. By the end of this year more than one thousand new Brotherhoods will have been organized during 1939, and there are now not fewer than sixty or seventy-five thousand men mobilized for the Master and meeting regularly in their Brotherhoods. This constitutes a great moral and spiritual force; and one can appreciate its far-reaching effect when he realizes that these men have mobilized for no other purpose than to support the whole program of their church and denomination.

You will be pleased to know that the unexpected demand for our Brotherhood Quarterly has made it necessary for us to have a reprint of the present number, although the original supply was the largest of any single issue in the history of the Brotherhood. This Quarterly, in handsome leather binders, is now to be found in the parlor cars of fifty-two trains operating throughout the Southern Baptist territory; this is no little accomplishment.—Lawson H. Cooke, Gen. Secretary.

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## THE DENOMINATIONAL PAPER

J. E. Dillard

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Yes sir! I read our Baptist papers. I have been doing it for half a century. They have always been better and more reliable than the secular papers. They are better today than ever and more indispensable. Our denominational papers are better printed, on better paper, with better illustrations, better selected news items, better articles, better editorials, and cost less than the average secular paper. And you don't have to apologize for taking them.

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Pastor C. E. Patch, observing the confusion in Thanksgiving dates, and being pastor of two churches, has solved his problem by proclaiming the twenty-third as Thanksgiving day for Mt. Olive Church, Prentiss County, and the thirtieth for Baldwin Church. We hope, brother Patch, that you have turkey on both days and all in between. And we hope that you and your churches will continue to have so much to be thankful for.

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Young Father—Is there any time at which children cease to be a constant worry?

Oldboy—I don't know. My oldest child is only 65.

State Evangelist E. D. Estes is in a meeting at Farrell and asks that you remember him in prayer.

Clarksdale B. T. U. reached a record attendance Sunday, 183, and the growth is reflected in every department of the work.

There were five additions at Van Winkle Church, Jackson, Sunday. The people report two great services.

"The Builder," published by the Sunday School Board in Nashville has a well written and illustrated article in the recent issue on the excellent work done this year in the Sunday school of Liberty Church. Pastor C. W. Thompson and his people are happy in the progress made.

Rev. R. A. Morris will be with Pastor D. A. Youngblood in a meeting in First Church, Port Neches, Texas, beginning Dec. 24.

Four deacons were ordained at Friendship Church, Pike County, last Sunday night. B. T. Bishop of McComb is pastor. The sermon was preached by Dr. J. B. Quin of McComb. Brother Quin will preach the Thanksgiving sermon for the C. C. C. camp at Percy Quin Park, near McComb, on the twenty-third.

McComb broadcasting station W. S.K.B., 1200 kilocycles, gives a religious program every morning, 10-10:30, from Monday through Friday. Ministers in and near McComb bring the devotional messages. On Sunday morning the Presbyterian pastor broadcasts from eleven to twelve. Sunday evening 7-8 o'clock Pastor Fred Bookter of Central Church broadcasts his service.

C. M. Priest, clerk of Tabernacle Church, Greenville reports 73 additions to the membership in the past Associational year, 25 by baptism. During September and October of this year Pastor J. R. Eubanks welcomed 22 members, five by baptism. The church has secured the lot on which the church stands, formerly held only by lease. Only a part of the cost has been paid. Anybody who wishes to help pay for the lot can do so at the rate of \$10.00 per front foot.

Pascagoula: Otis Thompson and I are in a great meeting here with W. L. Day and his people. A storm Saturday morning completely destroyed our tent and we are holding services in the church. Crowds and interest great.—Barney Walker.

The car for the Baptist Orphanage will be loaded at G. M. & N. R. R. depot, Monday, November 27th, and leave Laurel Monday night. All churches of Jones County are requested to bring their merchandise Monday. Mark plainly for The Baptist Orphanage, and from what church. Place a value on what you bring, and turn over to the committee at the car. If you send money or merchandise direct, please notify the chairman or Mr. Harry Smallwood, Laurel, Miss. Only five churches of Jones County failed to respond last year. Our goal this year is one hundred percent cooperating. We are asking every church leader to see that their church makes a worthy offering of both money and merchandise, and bring it to the Laurel G. M. & N. depot Monday, November 27th.—B. E. Massey, Chairman of Committee.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth was privileged to hear an outstanding speaker in Charles A. Wells in Chapel last week. Mr. Wells, whose home is in New York, is a columnist and artist of wide recognition over the nation. He has been a very popular speaker to student conventions of the Baptist Student Union in the South in the past five years. Mr. Wells illustrates his talks by means of drawings. He brought a most helpful message on "The Urgency of the Gospel." He stated that Liberalism in religion has defeated its cause because it has lost its sense of urgency. There are two demands being made on the church today: One outside the church for service and one inside the church for retrenchment. The Gospel, Mr. Wells said, is the only means of solving the problems of the world of hatred and greed. He issued a burning challenge to over five hundred students to dare to give the Gospel the chance to meet the forces of evil in the world.

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## SALEM, LEAKE COUNTY

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The Salem W.M.U. met Monday afternoon to reorganize. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. D. Richardson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. A. A. Ward; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Walter Moore; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Joe Ratcliff; Personal Service Committee, Mrs. J. D. Ratcliff; Literature Committee, Mrs. Glyn Smith; Enlistment Committee, Mrs. Leon Howell; Mission Study Committee, Miss Frances Patridge.

We plan to meet once a week on Monday afternoon at 2:30.—Secretary-Treasurer.

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## TEACHES MISSION CLASS

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Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, who graduated from Blue Mountain College two years ago and who now is a student in the W.M.U. Training School at Louisville, Kentucky, teaches a class in missionary education and a class in Old Testament at Simmons University (Negro) while continuing her work at "House Beautiful."

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## NEW DECREE FOR RUMANIAN BELIEVERS

Richmond, Virginia—(F. M. B.)—Southern Baptists who expressed their interest in the persecution of Baptists in Rumania by filing their protests and appeal for religious liberty for all mankind everywhere will be interested in studying the following translation of the recent "Ministerial Decision."

In order to interpret these points accurately one must remember that the majority of the people, village, town, and city officials are Greek Orthodox Catholics. Articles requiring "approvals" mean that these "approvals" must be secured in most cases, from a Greek Orthodox Catholic behind whom there is an active priest.

Likewise, one will recognize that this "Decision" is much better than the one promoted last fall. A careful study of the following will be revealing to every missionary minded Baptist.

Ministerial Decision No. 31,999 of July 12, 1939, signed by Nicholae Zigre, Minister of Cults and Arts.

We, Minister Secretary of State at the Department of Cults and Arts, Taking into consideration the provisions of article 19 of the Constitution, the provision of articles 1 and 24 of the law for the general regime of cults, and the provisions of the penal code relative to cults, associations and meetings,

Considering also the provisions of the law for the defense of security and order in the State,

Decide:

## Chapter I—Religious Associations Forbidden

Article I. Those religious associations which by their doctrine and ritual practices injure the laws of organization of the State and its institutions and contravene the good morals, the security of the State, order and public peace, are absolutely forbidden.

Religious associations so classified at the present time, whose existence and functioning is entirely prohibited are: The Millennialist associations (International Association of Bible Students, Witnesses of God Jehovah through the Bible Tract Society or under any other religious, civil or commercial denomination), Pentecostals, Tremblers, Church of Apostolic God, Repenters, Nazarenes, the Reformist Adventists, Reapers, "Hlistii," Inochentists and Stylists.

Administrative and police organs shall close the prayer houses of those mentioned and shall draw up reports against offenders for their prosecution for offenses provided for under the provision of the penal code and of the other laws in force.

## Chapter II—Recognition of Religious Association

Article 2. No religious association or religious group may function, that is, its members may not publicly confess a religious doctrine and may not exercise a ritual, if it has of Cults and Arts, issued under the not obtained previous authorization for this purpose from the Ministry conditions of the present decision.

Article 3. For the obtention of the authorization for a religious Association, it is necessary that at least 100 members, male, Rumanian

citizens, of age, heads of family, who have official proof that they belong to no cult and enjoy the exercise of civil and political rights, forward to the Ministry a memorandum describing the religious doctrine and the ritual practice, as well as the statute of organization thereof. The application for the authorization of a religious association shall bear signature certified by the competent authority and shall be accompanied by official documents in support of the conditions required by this article.

## Chapter III—Religious Associations Authorized

Article 4. The following religious associations are authorized: The Baptist Religious Association, The Seventh Day Adventist Religious Association, and The Evangelical Christians' Religious Association.

## Chapter IV—Conditions for the Functioning of Authorized Religious Associations

Article 5. Religious associations may not accept in their organization and may not record among their members persons belonging to another cult before ascertaining in advance that such persons have complied with the legal formalities for the abandonment of the cult to which they belonged.

Article 6. Religious associations may have local organizations only with at least 50 members, heads of family or independent.

To reach this minimum number, members in two or more neighboring communities may associate with a view to constitution of a common local organization.

The headquarters of the local organization shall be in the place where the prayer house is located.

Article 7. Religious meetings and preaching may be held in the prayer houses only and the prayer houses must be destined exclusively for that purpose and declared as such at the Town Hall, the Prefecture, the District and the Ministry of Cults.

For the functioning of a prayer house a number of at least 50 faithful recorded in the local organization is necessary. The faithful of two or more neighboring communities may associate with a view to attaining the minimum number prescribed above.

Prayer houses may function only within the limits of a local organization which shall supervise its activity and assume responsibility.

Prayer houses must comply with the sanitary and hygienic conditions required by the municipal and police regulations in force.

In the interest of public order, and in order to avoid religious conflicts and demonstrations, the prayer houses may function only if located at a distance of at least 200 meters from the prayer houses of other cults and religious associations.

Prayer houses which existed and functioned on June 14, 1938, are exempted of the condition in regard to the number of faithful and the distance of the prayer house.

In future prayer houses may be opened only with the previous authorization of the Ministry of Cults.

Article 8. The closing of prayer houses may be done only pursuant to the order of the Ministry of Cults and Arts.

Article 9. Religious ceremonies,

which, by their nature, or according to ritual, prescriptions of the association, must be performed out of the prayer house, shall be performed by strictly observing the law and regulations for public order, avoiding any action which may offend recognized cults or which may constitute a manifestation against them.

For this purpose, the appropriate local authorities shall establish before hand, at the request of the preacher of the organization and in accord with him, the date and place when such ceremonies may take place.

Burial ceremonies may be carried out without a previous authorization.

Article 10. The preachers and the members of the management of religious associations, designated in accordance with their statute, shall be Rumanian citizens, of age, who enjoy all civil rights and who have not been sentenced for infamous offenses, and those who have attained the age of 30 must enjoy also the exercise of political rights.

The names of the preacher and of the management shall be brought to the knowledge of the Ministry of Cults and Arts, for verification, and the latter shall notify the local administrative authorities.

Article 11. The preachers, in addition to their professional qualifications, must have attended at least four secondary grades.

Exception is made for preachers who have functioned thus far with the authorization of the Ministry of Cults and Arts.

Article 12. The preachers may perform their duties only in the local group of the religious organization for which they were appointed

ed and they may perform religious ceremonies only for the members of the local organization.

Article 13. The preachers may hold in the prayer houses, or in some other place destined for that purpose, courses for the moral and religious education of children of members of the local organization where they function.

Article 14. Religious proselytism, collectively or individually, forbidden to all cults in the country, is forbidden to members of religious associations. They may not, at any meeting, criticize the doctrine, ritual, organization, and the preachers of cults.

Article 15. Religious associations may not be dependent upon any (Continued on Page 12)

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## Sunday School Department

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### Monticello

The Monticello Baptist church, Rev. D. O. Horne, pastor, and Mr. A. P. Smith, superintendent, has recently completed a most successful Sunday school enlargement campaign.

A new educational building of three stories is just completed and it was entered the second Sunday of the enlargement program.

During the week a very thorough census was made, the results tabulated and distributed to the workers, a visitation program inaugurated, and an enlarged organization set up. There were ten classes with four officers at the beginning of the week's work, and at the close of it there were twenty-three classes. The departments were completely organized from the Cradle Roll to the Extension, all the officers and teachers selected and enlisted, and the entire new program went into effect the closing Sunday of the week's work, and the day the new building was entered for work.

The average attendance of the school has been about 100. The first Sunday of the campaign it was 101, and on the next Sunday the attendance was 208. The people were happy and in a spirit of rejoicing at the goodness of God upon their labors during the week. The increase in officers and teachers in the one week's time was from fourteen to thirty-five.

They plan to have regular meetings of the workers, to continue their training program so that these new workers and teachers may become more efficient in their new places.

Surely, all rejoice in this new day for the Monticello people as they look to the future for enlarged plans for reaching more people for Bible study, evangelism, and Christian development.

### Congratulations!

We are grateful for the following outstanding record among our Junior workers. From Utica Junior department comes the following information: "Mrs. G. S. Ross was 100% for the entire year; Mrs. Alma Weeks was present every Sunday; Mrs. T. L. Smith and Mrs. Owen Williams, the superintendent, was absent only two Sundays the entire year, and that on account of illness."

We thank our Heavenly Father for the splendid record made by the following Junior girls of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson: Ernestine Covington, Ernestine Sterling, May Alice Barnes, Mary Joe Pettit, Ruth Evelyn Westling, Patsy Conlee, May Helen Allred, Betty Flo Allred, and Jacqueline Bowen.

### New Sunday School

Rev. Jewell Golmon, of Lucien, Franklin County, tells us that his church at Ramah had no Sunday school until one was organized the first Sunday in August, and since then the average attendance has

been 138 out of an enrolment of 150. This is splendid indeed and we congratulate all of them on giving this great opportunity for Bible Study to these people by organizing a Sunday school so that it can be done in the most efficient way to people of all ages. Many other churches without schools should do the same for their people also.

### MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE—\$5,454.85 FUND

By D. A. (Scotch) McCall

In a dramatic closing moment of the Convention a unanimous vote gave \$5,454.85 to Mississippi Woman's College for one year. The evening before the Convention had refused to validate the \$50,000 certificate and \$24,000 instrument again.

The above action was in the spirit of harmony and helpfulness. It was taken also with the idea of raising a good portion from messengers. Within a few minutes they had paid or pledged \$2,843.65.

Other pastors, laymen—men and women—are urged to send in their offering completing the full \$5,454.85.

### The list follows:

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### "BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED"

The Apostle Paul told the Philipian jailor: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Now we know that Paul told him the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ have their sins forgiven.

Those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ are justified.

Those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ have the righteousness of God imputed to them.

Those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ have everlasting life.

Those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ are the children of God.

Those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ "shall not come into condemnation."

Those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ are called His sheep; and "they shall never perish."

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

And so, that being true the most important thing in all the world is to be sure that we believe on Him. For if we know that we believe on Him we know our sins are forgiven; we know we are saved; we know we are justified; we know the righteousness of God has been imputed to us; we know we have been born again; we know we are the children of God; we know that we shall

never come into condemnation; we know that we shall never perish, but have everlasting life.

We know, just simply because God says so; and we also know it because the Holy Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God.

How may we be sure that we believe on Him?

First, we must believe that he died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day.

Now when we believe this about Him, we must receive Him as our very own personal Saviour, by trusting Him to save our very own personal soul. We must be willing to risk it all with Him, not depending on ourselves for anything. We must commit the eternal destiny of our soul into His care and keeping, believing with all our heart that He is able to save, and will keep His word.

Now if you are not sure whether or not you have believed on Him, just make sure of it now, by resting in Him, and open your mouth and tell Him so, and my word for it, He will save you instantly, right where you are, and just like you are.

I know this by experience. I trusted Him when I was 14 years old, and He saved me on the spot, and I have been saved ever since; and I know that He will keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.—J. E. Heath, Winona, Miss.

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# The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My Dear Children:

Letters, poetry and gifts! In the beginning, let me thank each of you who is helping to make our page more attractive and useful. Especially would I say thank you to Harold Lynn Rhodes, James Franklin Rhodes, the Junior Department of the Gloster Sunday school, Barbara Massey, Doris Herrington, Mary Sue Barron, Eula Phaynell McIntyre, Jacqueline Bramlett, Shirley Stanley, Cosette Barr, the Primary Sunday School class at Friendship Church, Normie Luther Sullivan, Jr., and Sarah Virginia Clanton for the contributions which they sent—these contributions which make it possible for us to carry on our Orphanage work and scholarship. Besides these gifts, there is another which should have special mention, for one of our members did some missionary work among her friends and classmates and stirred in them a desire to help in our work. To Shirley Stanley, we are doubly grateful for the gift and for the long list of her classmates whose names are signed at the close of her letter. To her for her good work and to them for their generous response we say "Thank you." Her teacher's name does not appear in this list, but after some addition and subtraction we are persuaded that she must have been leading in this good work. Thanks to all.

Our poets have been so overflowing with Thanksgiving praise that it is impossible to publish all that have been sent in. We'd have to use a whole paper if we printed it all. However, you may be sure that whether your poem appears on the page or not, it shall be entered in the contest just the same. The judges shall have every entry, just as you wrote it. They may prefer some that did not appear on the page. Again, in preparation for our next Bible study please read Acts 21:17-40.

With love,  
Mrs. Frances Steele.

—  
Mt. Olive, Miss.  
Nov. 4, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my second time to write to the Circle. I enjoy the letters so much. I think the Bible study means so much to us all. I am sending a Thanksgiving poem, also ten cents for the B.B.I. girl. Daddy and Mother tithe, so I am tithing too.

Thankfulness

I am thankful for the sunshine,  
I am thankful for the rain.  
I am thankful for a Savior  
Who bore our grief and pain.

Your friend,

Doris L. Herrington.

—  
Iuka, Miss., Rt. 3  
Nov. 7, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little boy seven years old in the second grade. My brothers and I have some pets. We love them very much. We go to Sunday school. We are in a program for Christmas. It is to be at the church. Here is my Thanksgiving poem.

I'm Thankful to God

For the birds that sing,  
For the good food you bring,  
And for everything.

I'm sending a nickel for the orphans.

With love,  
Harold Lynn Rhodes.

—  
Iuka, Miss., Rt. 3  
Nov. 7, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I want to join the Children's Circle. I am a little boy ten years old and in the fifth grade. I like to go to school. I have two brothers, Harold Lynn and Jimmie Horace.

We go to Sunday school at Mt. Moriah Church every Sunday. I am joining the poetry contest. I hope my poem is printed. I am sending a nickel for the orphans. I hope to see letters from other boys and girls from Tishomingo County.

I'm Thankful

For the sun that shines so bright  
For each day and each night.  
Thank you for the food you bring,  
Dear God, I thank you for everything.

With love,  
James Franklin Rhodes.

—  
Gloster, Miss.  
Nov. 8, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed is our October offering. Please send half to the Orphanage and use half for our B.B.I. student. We are grateful for an opportunity to serve the Lord in this way.

Sincerely,

Mrs. R. R. Tabor,  
Jr. Dept. S. S. and  
Teachers.

—  
Neshoba, Miss.  
Nov. 7, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I want to join the Children's Circle. I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. I have been sick ever since June with rheumatic fever. I had my tonsils taken out and am improving now. I am so thankful for that. I enjoy going to Sunday school, church and B.T.U. I have been to church once since I have been sick. Brother Eugene Stennis is our pastor. I like to hear him preach.

Lots of love,  
Bettie Ann Thomas.

—  
Centreville, Miss.  
Nov. 8, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle, which I enjoy reading very much. I am in the third grade. I am seven years old. I go to Sunday school. We have a radio. I listen to the Carter Family every night. Enclosed in this letter is ten cents for the orphans.

With love,  
Barbara Elaine Massey.

—  
Crystal Springs, Miss.  
Nov. 9, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I haven't written you in a long time but I read the Baptist Record every week. A few weeks ago I read about the poetry contest that you're having and decided to enter. This is the poem that I am sending.

Thanksgiving

To our Father above

Humbly I bow in love.

Amid a world of sin

Nearer to Thee, I draw.

Kneeling in prayer, we obey Thy law,

Showing our love for Thee.

God, we thank Thee for a land that is free.

In all things Thou art master.

Verily, verily Thou art.

I love Thee with all my heart.

Never shall I from Thee depart

Giving my all to Thy mighty cause.

I am sending ten cents to be used

for any cause you like. I was eleven

years old last November the sixth.

I am in the sixth grade at the C.

S. C. S. school.

Your friend,

Mary Sue Barron.

—  
Brookhaven, Miss.  
Nov. 10, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Here I come again with my letter. And that's not all. I have a poem too. I have been writing poems for a week. I have selected the best poem; so here it is!

I Thank Thee

Every night as I bow my head  
I thank Thee, Lord, that we are fed.  
I thank Thee for our clothing too  
And for the sky so blue.

I thank Thee for our parents' love,  
I thank Thee for the heavens above,  
For the blessings that each day brings,

I thank Thee, Lord, for everything.

As I have not mentioned before,  
I am ten years old. I am in the fifth grade and I make the highest grades. I like reading, history, and geography best of all studies. In reading I have learned many poems by heart, so it wasn't hard for me to write my poem.

With love,  
Shirley Stanley.

—  
Kossuth, Miss.  
Nov. 10, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I have just finished reading the Baptist Record for Nov. 9, and as it is all about the Orphanage and the children and the needs of "our" children at the Baptist Orphanage, it brings back all the old days to me as I have been one of those children at our Orphanage. My heart goes out to them in love, prayers, for all that is good in life for them.

I met Mrs. Mize at Clarksdale in the Spring, and I don't think I have ever met a sweeter, better person that we could place over our orphans. I left the Orphanage and was placed in a home near Corinth, Miss., at the age of 11. I have been given a high school education, and two years in college (one of them from Blue Mountain College). I have taught school for five years, but I'm married now and have two little girls, ages 7 and 5—Ann and Joyce. My husband is a farmer, but he is superintendent of our Kossuth Baptist Sunday school and he is also B.T.U. director. I teach the Intermediate girls' Sunday school class, and am church pianist. I have the county Young People's work in Alcorn County in connection with the Woman's Missionary Union work. I enjoy all of it, too.

I received my first training in Christian principles at the Orphanage. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carter were there when I was in the Orphanage.

We are sending a contribution from our church to the Orphanage for Thanksgiving.

My letter is going to be long, but maybe you can print it for the benefit of the girls and boys at the Orphanage of whom I'm one. Give them all our love. I'm going to visit them in the spring.

Love to you, too,  
Mrs. Charles Deaton.

—  
Sunflower, Miss.  
Nov. 11, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl nine years old. I go to school. I am in the fourth grade. Miss Rice is my teacher. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. Mrs. Pattison is my Sunday school teacher.

I have a friend in the Crippled Children's hospital at Memphis. I hope she can walk good when she comes home.

With love,  
Juanita Gilliland.

—  
Drew, Miss.  
Nov. 11, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I have enjoyed reading the Children's Circle page and hope to read more. I am ten years old and am in the band. I play a cornet. I have a uniform and it looks good on me. Our colors are orange and blue. Our football boys have lost just two games so far.

I have a grandmother and she is sixty-five years old. Her birthday was Nov. 4, 1939. We had a birthday dinner for her last Sunday and had a nice time. I'm a member of the 4-H Club and a member of the G.A. I don't have a way to go to church at night so I can't be in the B. Y.P.U.

I have a good many playmates,

Mavis, Grace, Moody, Janelle, Mildred Green. They are real nice playmates. I'm in the sixth grade and I like school just fine. I have four teachers. I'm enclosing a dime to be used for the club or for the Orphanage. I can't think of a poem this time. I go to Sunday school and church every Sunday.

Love to you,  
Jacqueline Bramlett.

—  
Carthage, Miss.  
Nov. 12, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I am ten years old, and in the fifth grade. My teacher is very good. Her name is Miss Sudduth. I go to Sunday school every Sunday unless I am sick. My Sunday school teacher is my mother. Her name is Mrs. Elmer P. Barr. Daddy is a deacon of the church. He also teaches the Bible class. I have one sister and no brothers. I am sending ten cents to the Baptist Orphanage.

Your new and loving friend,  
Cassette Barr.

—  
Ruleville, Miss.  
Nov. 12, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I am a little girl 6 years old and in the Second grade. My teacher's name is Miss Ruth Comfort. I am sending 30c to be divided between the Orphanage and B.B.I. scholarship.

We thank Thee for the earth so bright,

For sun and moon and fair starlight.

We thank Thee for refreshing showers,

For birds and trees and blooming flowers.

Your friend,  
Eula Phaynell McIntire.

—  
Jackson, Miss.  
Nov. 9, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I have been thinking I would write to you for a long time. I am ten years old and want to join the Children's Circle. I am in the sixth grade. I will be eleven December 21. I go to Siwell Baptist Church. I go to Sunday school and B.Y.P.U. every Sunday. I read the Children's Circle and enjoy it very much. I have two brothers, one is four and one is nine years old. Brother Holway is our pastor. I hope my letter will miss the waste paper basket and may God bless you in all your work.

Yours truly,  
Wilma Jean Lott.

—  
Big Creek, Miss.  
Nov. 13, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I am a little girl six years old. I go to school. I am in the second grade. My test each month is 90 to 100 on all my studies. My teacher's name is Aunt Bessie Gray. I like to read the Children's Circle. I go to Sunday school every time I can.

With love,  
Charleye-Mae Gray.

—  
Lucien, Miss.  
Nov. 13, 1939.

My Dear Mrs. Steele:

Please find enclosed a check for one dollar (\$1.00). This is a gift from the Primary Sunday school class at Friendship Church, Lincoln County. We are sending this donation for the orphans. We hope it will be of some help to them.

With love,

From: Loyd Smith, Gwendolyn Smith, Maurine Watts, Clayton

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Thursday, November 23, 1939

# Baptist Training Union

*Aim—Training in Church Membership*

AUBER J. WILDS  
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STATE SECRETARY  
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY  
JACKSON, MISS.

## New Unions for October

We are happy to report 23 newly organized unions for October. They are divided as follows: 3 Story Hours, 3 Juniors, 4 Intermediates, 6 Adults. They represent nine associations—Newton, Montgomery, Covington, Hinds-Warren, Jones, Choctaw, Yazoo, Lincoln, and Itawamba. No doubt there were a number of others organized that we received no report of, but these we know about and so welcome them into the fold of forward looking churches.

## Two Emphasis

Enlargement and Efficiency are the two major emphasis now in Training Union work. How inspiring to see so many of our churches realizing more fully the purpose of Training Union, and as a result are giving themselves to the task of enlisting the entire church membership for training, and at the same time are demanding a better type of work of the unions. Church members ought to be taught the "Meaning of Church Membership." This can be done fully only when they are taught **What** a church member should do, and **How** to do it. The Sunday school and the Training Union go hand in hand in giving this two-fold teaching, hence every Sunday school teacher and officer and every Training Union leader should work together in the closest cooperation.

## Lauderdale County Has Enlargement Campaign

The week of November 5-10 was a week of special Training Union emphasis in Lauderdale County. Eighteen churches cooperated in a simultaneous enlargement campaign. Thirty-four outside workers came in and each of the eighteen churches had at least one outside worker helping them. Every morning these workers, along with a number of local workers, came together every morning to report on the work of the day before. A three-fold report was made, the number present at the church, the number having done their daily Bible readings, and the number of invitations extended to others to attend. The peak day was Wednesday with an attendance of 1,024, Bible readings 766, and contacts 3,049. Goals were set by the churches for Sunday night the 12th, but that proved to be a rainy day and so even with an increase in attendance from most of the churches, only one church has reported the reaching of their goal. Southside, Meridian, with an attendance of 100 on the 5th set their goal for 150 for the 12th. Their attendance for the 12th was 153, three above their goal. Nearly 100% increase in number of unions for the eighteen churches was reported, several hundred new leaders enlisted, and a deeper consciousness in the matter of training imparted to the

churches as a whole. In most of the larger churches the Training Union was departmentized, with department directors and other department officers elected. On the whole it was a very successful week.

## One Pastor Speaks the Experience of Many

One pastor reporting on his Training Union work says, "Our Training Union has surely helped our church attendance. I have preached to as many people as all the other churches put together. We have the only young people's service attendance because of their Training Union attendance. That is one purpose of the Training Union. Quoting Dr. T. L. Holcomb, "Save the evening service for evangelism by bringing all the family to the Training Union." The wisdom of pastors is leading them to capitalize on this fine idea.

## Philadelphia Training Union Uses 67 General Officers, Leaders and Sponsors

As a result of departmentizing their work the Philadelphia Training Union last September elected 67 General officers and leaders. This does not include the presidents or other officers in the individual unions. Of course every member of every union is serving on a committee of some kind, thus giving them an opportunity to experience training during the week. The Training Union proper has 19 officers, the General Director, Associate Director, Secretary, Chorister, Pianist, General Chairman of Instruction Committee, five ushers, five members of the Art Department, responsible for posters, etc., and five members of the Special Feature committee. This does not mean that these are not in a union, **THEY ARE**, but serve in these capacities also. Pastor Corder and Director Mrs. Cole are happy over the progress being made in the work.

## Miss Lawton of South Carolina Spends Week With Philadelphia Church

The week of November 5-10 it was the privilege of the Philadelphia church to have with them for Training Union emphasis, Miss Florrie Lee Lawton, Assistant Director of Training Union work in South Carolina. We were happy to have Miss Lawton in our state, and in this good church. She made a splendid contribution to the work, 48 awards being issued for class work during the week.

Brother Barnhill, pastor of the Rosedale Church, reports a splendid Training Union in the Rosedale Training Union recently. The work is growing in every way, and the Training Union is guaranteeing a good evening preaching service attendance.

New Ireland Church, Newton County adds a Junior union. Mrs. Mason Gamillion the Story Hour leader will also lead the Junior union. Mr. Hubert Gilmore is president of the Senior union.

## CHILDREN'S CIRCLE—

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Smith, Edwin Smith, Marjorie Jean Watts, Robert Smith, Jr., Nita Faye Watts, Rachel Posey, and Billy Ray Smith.

Sent in by: Bernice Posey, teacher.

Lorman, Miss.  
Nov. 14, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am writing to the Circle again and sending a Thanksgiving poem as you asked me in my last letter. I have been studying about the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving and made up a poem. I am in the fifth grade.

I had a good time at the state and county fairs. I enjoyed the wild animals at the State Fair very much, especially the monkey.

I am sending five cents for the orphans and my Aunt Sarah Virginia Clanton is sending ten cents for the orphans. She stays with us and goes to school and Sunday school with us. She is a member of Unity Baptist Church and she enjoys reading the Children's Circle too.

With love,  
Normie Luther Sullivan, Jr.

## Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving day is here again, we should all be happy and gay For that is the way to begin our glad Thanksgiving day.

Thanksgiving day is here again, we should give thanks to God For it's he who paves the way for our poor feet to trod.

The Pilgrims gave their thanks to God as they did say "Dear Father we are thankful to have landed on this bay."

Again and again, let us thank Him for food, work, rest, and play; And to forget Him let us never, especially on Thanksgiving day.

Lorman, Miss.  
Nov. 14, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

You asked brother and me to enter the contest. I finally decided I would. I am in the third grade. I went to the state and county fairs. I had a nice time. I am sending my Thanksgiving poem that I made up.

With love, your friend,  
Bessie Marie Sullivan.

## I'm Thankful

I'm thankful for bread, butter and meat And all the good things we have to eat.

I'm thankful for Mother and Dad Who can cheer me when I'm sad. I'm thankful for health if I don't have wealth.

I'm thankful for sunshine and rain For the good Father that makes everything.

As we bow our heads on Thanksgiving day May we all be thankful, happy and gay.

Bessie Marie Sullivan,  
age 8 years.

Brookhaven, Miss.  
Nov. 14, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I know you are not expecting another letter from me so soon but here comes a surprise. I told my teacher and classmates about sending you a gift for the orphans and the fourth and fifth grades decided to enter your poetry contest and send a gift of \$1.75 to the orphans for a Thanksgiving present.

Your friend,  
Shirley Stanley, 5c.

And my classmates: Ramsay Britt, 5c; Aline Rollins, 5c; Florence Ford, 5c; Loyd Case, 5c; Henry Smith, poem; Virginia Malone, poem; Juanita Allen, poem; Cecil Allen, poem; Paul Allen, 25c; Kathleen Smith, poem; Billie Jean Garner, 5c; Annie Ruth Allen, 5c; Byron

Brown, 5c; Tommye Paul Thompson, 10c; Clayton Britt, 5c; Colleen Edwards, poem; Bruce Reid, poem; Bobby Joe Springer, 5c; Jayn Britt, 5c; Peggy Joy Paxton, 10c; Cecil Britt, poem; Paul Higdon, 5c; Kathryn Allen, 4c; J. W. Leggett, 10c; W. H. Jackson, 5c, 2c; Myrtis Montgomery, poem; Winifred Smith, 10c; Paul Smith, 10c.

## BAPTIST GROWTH IN NEW ORLEANS

W. W. Hamilton, Baptist Bible Institute

In the year 1917 when the Baptist Bible Institute was founded there were six little struggling Baptist churches in New Orleans, only one of which was self-supporting. On the church rolls there were 1,242 members, and the total gifts for all purposes was \$18,235.48, all of which was used for church expenses except \$3,042.29.

This year in the New Orleans Association (including organizations outside the city proper) there were reported 29 churches and three others applying for admission. The present membership is 9,434. The additions last year were 1,796, and 701 of these were by baptism.

The total gifts of the churches of the New Orleans Association for the year was \$158,581.92, and of this \$28,361.74 was for local missions and benevolences and co-operative program. How we do thank God for the progress and growth of our Baptist causes in New Orleans.

## B. B. I. STUDENTS LOUISIANA MISSIONARIES

J. W. Dickens, New Orleans, La.

Under the leadership of Dr. J. W. Shepard through the practical activities department of the Baptist Bible Institute, new mission work and preaching stations have, in recent weeks, been opened up in eighteen new places in seven parishes within reach of New Orleans. Preaching services and conversational evangelism are carried on at stated intervals at these points every week with very encouraging results. This is as truly real missionary work as that we are conducting in Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Italy, or in any other mission field.

Bishop Manning, Episcopal of New York in protesting against the proposed union of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church, speaks of it as an effort to promote union by ambiguous phrases, and will bring discord and division in the Episcopal Church.

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ABROAD

Rev. W. P. Davis, a Mississippian, now pastor of Lebanon Church in Tennessee, writes:

I have just returned from a two weeks' revival with the Valence Street Baptist Church, New Orleans, La. Slater A. Murphy, Th.D., is pastor of this church. He has been pastor since 1931, during which time the church has witnessed a most remarkable growth both in members and material equipment. The building has been completely remodeled and a beautiful two story educational annex added. In a recent building program the church spent more than \$15,000 and had to borrow only \$6,000. Beautiful new furniture has been placed in every department, the organ overhauled and chimes put in the church tower. Since 1931 there have been more than 800 additions. In 1931 Dr. Murphy preached to between 35 and 40 people, but during his first year 120 were added to the church.

The church is a missionary church. Four mission stations are operated by the church. The church owns an organ for mission services, also a loud speaker for street services and two loud speakers for the morning meditation services held at eight o'clock every morning from the study of the pastor. Every Friday from 1:30 to 2:00 a devotional program is broadcast over Station WNOE. I am sure I have never led revival services in a more spiritual church. The church exceeds in spirituality, evangelism, denominational loyalty, hospitality, missions, tithes and a real financial program. Dr. Murphy is the most gentle spirit with whom I have worked. He makes it easy for his guest preacher to speak and work.

While in New Orleans I had the privilege of speaking to the students and faculty of the Baptist Bible Institute. Here Dr. Hamilton and his able faculty are carrying on for the Lord. Here is the greatest home mission station of Southern Baptists. The Baptist Bible Institute is a great seminary and the day will come when it will write its influence across every mission field of Southern Baptists round the world. With the passing days God will bring in money for a permanent endowment. Students are there from almost every state of the Union and from many foreign countries.

I left New Orleans with many happy recollections and gratitude in my heart to God for the men and women who have had the vision to plant their lives in this mission field.

—BR—  
J. J. WINSTEAD

At 11 o'clock on the night of October 17 God came and took from us one whom we loved, Mr. J. J. Winstead. He was always so kind to each and every one that we all loved him. We might not have all told him in words but we tried to show it in our deeds. We feel sure on the night he left us he could have said like Paul, "I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Mr. Winstead, we feel so lonely without you. The old home looks

## BOOK REVIEW

"The Opening Doors of Childhood," by Lewis Joseph Sherrill. The Macmillan Company. \$1.75. Lewis Joseph Sherrill is Dean and Professor of Religious Education at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, author of "Family and Church," "Religious Education in the Small Church," "The Church and Adult Education," and he feels that the resources of the Christian religion are indispensable in meeting the deepest needs of childhood. "The Opening Doors of Childhood" is a practical guide-book for every parent who wishes to meet the problems of childhood squarely and wisely. The book indicates that the author has a deep understanding of young people and that he has the attitude of a friendly counselor. From his experience he discusses the problems of the home and how best to arouse children's enthusiasm for Christianity and the proper guidance they need in making it applicable to their daily living. Here are some of the chapter subjects: "The Way to God," "The Enrichment of Experience," "The Search for Explanation," "The Opening Doors of Parenthood," "The Other Friend," and others, in all twelve chapters. The book contains a very helpful bibliography, which is worth the price of the book, as for example books that deal with these subjects: "Toward Understanding Children Better," "Toward Keeping a Place in the Church for Children." Here is a book that ought to be in the hands of all parents, and it has useful information for the pastor, teacher, and church worker.

—W. P. Davis.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DOES  
PREVAIL

By Frank E. Skilton

Mississippi Baptists may have a worthy pride in learning that Blue Mountain College, one of their colleges for women, now has six alumnae enrolled in the W.M.U. Training School at Louisville, more young women than from any other college in the world. Word to that effect has just been received from "House Beautiful."

Likewise, Mississippi Baptists will rejoice and praise God, when they know that their college for men, Mississippi College, has 38 graduates in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, more than from any other college on the face of the earth. Dr. Edward A. McDowell, of the Seminary faculty, gave me this information in writing at the Mississippi Baptist Convention which has just closed.

Blue Mountain College girls at "House Beautiful" are: Edna Ruth Rea, Sherman; Georgia Mae Ogburn, Meridian; Cora May Marriott, China; Cascille Middleton, Sardis; Zenona Faust, Paris, Tenn.; Theresa Anderson, New Orleans, La.

lonely without you to welcome us there. But we are looking forward when he, with our Saviour will welcome us to that Home not made with hands where there will be no heartaches. Our loss is Heaven's gain.—A Daughter-in-law, Mrs. O. H. Winstead.

NEWS IN THE CIRCLE  
By L. E. Roane, Sarepta

These notes will appear regularly. Send in news from your churches. Address me at Sarepta.

You will observe the title, "News in the Circle," which was the title to those items so aptly edited by Rev. Martin Ball several years ago.

Rev. J. B. Middleton goes from Eupora to Sardis. He became pastor at Bethany Church at Slate Springs in 1918. Organized in 1836, it is the oldest church in Calhoun County. Its membership at the beginning of brother Middleton's pastorate was 124 and the increase has been 436, or 21 for each year, while he has baptized 259 or an average of 12 for each year. Present membership of 293. The village has some 160 people.

A new Baptist church will likely be organized at Benela in the near future. This is one of the older communities in this section and has one of the most beautiful cemeteries to be found.

Rev. Jesse Dorrah is reported as being a patient in the Veterans Hospital at Tuscaloosa, Ala., for general treatment. May this fine pastor soon be at his work again.

Calhoun County has 42 Baptist churches with 7,355 members. The average is 175 for each church. Many of these, however, are non-resident.

The Calhoun County Pastors' Conference met at Pittsboro Nov. 6, with 10 preachers present. Interesting discussions were heard. The other pastors in the county will be welcomed at its December meeting if they can be present.

—BR—  
Prospective Employer—Ever had any experience doing night work?  
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## HONORING J. B. MIDDLETON

The Calhoun County Baptist Pastor's Conference gratefully acknowledges the generous friendship and fellowship of Rev. J. B. Middleton, who has resigned churches in our vicinity to begin his pastorate at Sardis.

Many Calhoun County pastors have known brother Middleton from childhood. We love and respect him for his gentlemanly Christian conduct. We admire the sympathy of his faith, his loyalty to Christ, his devotion to the work of a pastor.

Brother Middleton magnifies our Lord in all his undertakings for Him. We believe he desires to work with the Lord and not just merely for Him.

J. B., as you go from us our prayers, love and best wishes follow you. We will be expecting to hear good things concerning the work at Sardis.

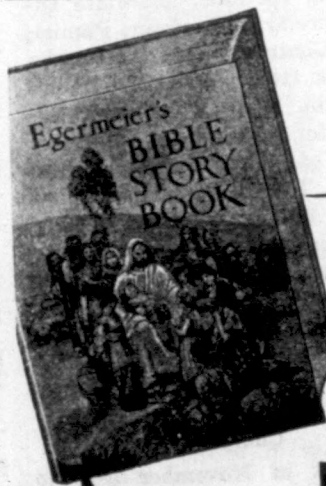
To the church at Sardis, may we say, you have chosen a good man and an excellent preacher for your pastor. Work with him.

J. E. Gore  
C. H. Ellard  
Oliver Hood,  
Committee.

—BR—  
Asked to paraphrase the sentence, "He had a decided literary bent," a city scholar gave this version: "He was very round-shouldered through excessive writing."

## GIRL TO WOMANHOOD

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# NEW DECREE FOR RUMANIAN BELIEVERS

(Continued from Page 10)

similar organization abroad and may not entertain other ties abroad than those which arise from the homogeneity of doctrine and religious ritual.

Representatives of similar organizations from abroad may participate at debates and in decisions of religious meetings in the country only with the previous authorization of the Ministry of Cults and only within the limits of such authorization.

Article 16. Religious associations may establish schools for the professional education of their religious personnel.

The organization of such schools, the program of studies, and the professors shall be approved in advance by the Ministry of Cults and Arts.

Article 17. Religious associations are free to publish and to sell in book shops, stands and in the prayer houses, for their faithful, any writing in which they develop the doctrine or the ritual and in which they furnish practical directions of any nature. Any such publication must bear on the cover the name of the editing or distributing association.

When the distribution of these publications is made through local organizations, they shall apply the seal on all copies distributed.

Religious associations which print publications for their members are obliged to forward to the Ministry of Cults and Arts three copies of such publications.

Article 18. Within a period of three months from the date of the publication of this decision, the local organizations of religious associations authorized shall forward to the Ministry of Cults and Arts tables with the following data:

(a) The headquarters of the local organization, the name and profession of the members in the management, the communities which belong to the local organization, the community in which the prayer house is located, the date from which it functions, the name and profession of the owner of the prayer house, the title of ownership or use thereof;

(b) The name, residence, nationality, age, ethnical origin of the preacher, the date from which he functions as preacher and the studies which he has made;

(c) The name, residence, nationality, age and ethnical origin of the members of the organization, showing for each one the cult to which each one belonged before, the date when he abandoned that cult and, in case this took place after April 22, 1928, the number and date of the certificate and the authority which issued it, shall be indicated.

The non-presentation of the above data within the prescribed period shall constitute a proof that the organization functions illegally and, after the expiration of the time limit, it shall be dissolved and the prayer house will be closed by the Ministry of Cults and Arts.

Article 19. The local organizations of religious associations shall forward at the end of each year a supplementary table of new mem-



This picture was taken at Blue Mountain College during the Baptist Training Union clinic conducted by Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, left, of Training Union clinic director, and Miss Elaine Jackson, state associate Training Union director, and Miss Elaine Coleman, right, Nashville, Tennessee, South-wide Baptist Intermediate Training Union director. Miss Elizabeth Majors, center, Ripley, Tennessee, is Baptist Training Union director of Blue Mountain College.

bers recorded, showing the data provided for under article 18, paragraph b, of this decision. Likewise a table of members who left the organization shall be forwarded.

Article 20. The present decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in Monitorul Oficial. Previous decisions are and shall remain abrogated.

Article 21. The Director Referee on matters relative to religious associations is entrusted to carry this decision into effect.

Rendered, July 12, 1939.

—Minister of Cults and Arts.  
Nicolae Zigre.

No. 31,999.

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## DOING THINGS WITH THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

Keeping Faith With Those Who Invested Wisely—By J. W. F.

The Five Thousand Club is composed of Mississippi Baptists who want to see Mississippi Baptists out of Debt by Convention of 1945, and who are willing to do their part in bringing this desire to a glorious reality. Join the Five Thousand Club.

There are twenty-five thousand Mississippi Baptists who are able and willing to join the Five Thousand Club. There are some in every church in the state. Pastors all over the state are finding this to be true. Remember you cannot fail until you have tried.

People are remembered because of what they did, and people are forgotten because of what they did not do. Mississippi Baptists will remember Five Thousand Club Baptists because of what they did. Five Thousand Club Baptists pay debts of Mississippi Baptists. Will you be among the remembered?

We cannot agree with Satan. We want a Five Thousand Club in every Baptist Church in our state. We believe that Satan is a liar, we say that a club can be maintained in every church in the state.

Five Thousand Club members are anxious to get the debts of Mississippi Baptists out of the way while there remain with us those

who were in the making of the investments. We believe those who were in the making of these investments, will understand them better, and be more cooperative in the paying them than those who were not there and who probably have not been in the state long enough to learn about them.

There would be a live and thriving Five Thousand Club in every church if someone would strive for it and explain the high motive and worthy purpose of the Five Thousand Club. There are those whose hearts are loyal and true in every church.

Someone mentioned the sheep that strayed from the fold; I am glad someone went for the strayed sheep, but I shall always thank God for the ninety and nine that remained in the fold to keep the foldfires burning. To me the Five Thousand Club Baptist may be likened unto the ninety and nine—faithful unto the end. Join the Five Thousand Club.

In a certain community in Mississippi we were organizing a Five Thousand Club. A goal had been set. The organization was almost completed, and one member short of our goal for that church. I asked was there one to complete the desired goal. A lady came forward, saying, "I will be the member." This lady was a widow with six children to support. She works in a sewing room fifteen miles from her home. I said then—"Yes, I know there can be a live and active club in any church."

## SOUTHWESTERN

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, is covering much territory in a short time this week in speaking before five State Conventions in the South. He has addressed the Kentucky Convention at Harrodsburg, the Tennessee Convention at Chattanooga, the Mississippi Convention at Jackson, the Louisiana Convention at West Monroe. He brought the closing address of the Texas General Convention at San Antonio. Other members of the faculty of Southwestern have been engaged in various activities. Dr. Jeff D. Ray

conducted the devotional periods at the Texas Convention, emphasizing the reading of the Scriptures.

Dr. B. A. Copass recently addressed the Illinois Convention at Carbondale.

Dr. W. W. Barnes is in a revival meeting at Louisburg, North Carolina. He will speak at the North Carolina Convention at Winston-Salem and also to the students at Wake Forest and Meredith Colleges. Before his return he will do some research work in the Furman University Library on Southern Baptist history.

Dr. T. B. Maston spoke to the Oklahoma Convention at Muskogee.

Dr. J. M. Price has recently conducted a Sunday School Training School in the First Baptist Church of Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Professor I. E. Reynolds has just recently assisted in a revival meeting and Music Emphasis week at the First Baptist Church of Prescott, Arkansas. On the closing day of the convention in San Antonio, Texas, he spoke at the annual Choir Banquet of the First Baptist Church of that city.

Professor R. T. Daniel is representing the Seminary at the Alabama Convention in Montgomery and the Georgia Convention in Augusta. He is also speaking at several of our Baptist schools in those states.

## Troubled by CONSTIPATION?



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Jackson Calvary Church	1094
Jackson Griffith Mem. Ch.	902
Jackson Davis Mem. Ch.	287
Jackson Northside Church	158
Jackson Southside Church	73
Van Winkle Church	94
Clinton Church	401
Bethlehem Church (Jones Co.)	113
Columbus First Church	576
Kosciusko First Church	292
Enterprise Church	78
River Avenue Church	91
Immanuel Church, H'burg.	197
Meridian 15th Ave. Church	319
Vicksburg First Church	527
West Laurel Church	507
Verona Church, Nov. 12	43
Crystal Springs Church	333
Meridian First Church	633
Clarksdale Church	412

## B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Jackson Calvary Church	184
Jackson Griffith Mem. Ch.	534
Jackson Davis Church	178
Jackson Northside Church	54
Jackson Southside Church	63
West Laurel Church	266
First Church, Vicksburg	224
Meridian 15th Ave. Church	152
Hattiesburg Immanuel Church	138
River Ave., Hattiesburg	93
Enterprise Church	47
Kosciusko Church	141
Columbus First Church	203
Bethlehem, Jones County	47
Van Winkle Church	73
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In the meeting of the International Association of Evangelists to be held in Jackson beginning December 31, Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport is to make one of the addresses. Governor and Mrs. White will give a reception at the Mansion to those attending the Conference.

For the past thirteen months, the Rev. W. A. Bell has been the shepherd of Parkway Church, Jackson, and the enthusiasm and the co-operation have been perfected through his leadership, that even the inclement weather fails to have much effect on the attendance. Last Lord's Day the Sunday school reached almost 400 in attendance, and Pastor Bell preached to capacity crowds both morning and night, and when the day had finished, the records show three additions from other churches, and six names had been added to the church roll as the results of a beautiful baptismal service following the evening services.—C. B. Bardwell.

The class in religious dramatics of the School of Religious Education of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary gave its first production of the year in "Esther," a sacred drama on the Bible story. Dr. Floy M. Barnard, Professor in Educational Arts, directed the play which follows very closely the Bible account. This is the second presentation of the play, the production last year being met with success, it has been repeated this year. Among the twenty-five students in the cast the main characters were Miss Margaret Mattison and Mr. Oliver Wilbanks of Alabama, Mr. Woodrow Wall of North Carolina, and Rogers Smith of Texas. The play was given by permission of Longmans Green and Co., Chicago.

Dr. W. F. Powell of Nashville preached and Carlyle Brooks led the singing in a good revival at First Church, Clarksville, Tenn., R. N. Owen pastor. There were 40 approved for baptism.

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give unto your bosom." Has your church budget been made up?

Como: The word "good" describes the Como revival with Dr. H. L. Martin of Senatobia as the preacher. Good crowds, good preaching, good results.—W. O. Beatty, Pastor.

The Watchman-Examiner says of the church union movement: "The aim of it all in its final form is that we shall ultimately be enveloped by a benevolent ecclesiastical colossus." And that is just what The Baptist Record has been saying for two years or more. The only possible result is that all go to the Roman Catholics, or organize another "Catholic" church.

One of the most insidious and increasingly vicious enemies of adolescent youth is the cigarette. An absolutely conscienceless campaign has pushed cigarette sales to a point where further increases must be at the expense of motherhood and the cradle. With secular journals and digests carrying an increasing number of articles that warn their reading constituency against the cigarette habit, our youth movement cannot afford to be less than energetically active in the field.—Daniel A. Poling, D.D.

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